

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490<sup>th</sup> Ave). The meeting notice had been posted March 28, 2025 at the town hall, Kenny’s Lawton Bar, 715 Steer and Beer, website, and published in the April 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Pierce County Journal. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisors Ristow and Borner, Treasurer Hines, Clerk Beastrom) were present. Also present were: Russ Korpela, Ron Reigle, Tim Lorenz, Barry Foy, Sheldon Huppert, and Patrolmen Tim Westerberg and Don Jakes.

**APRIL 7,  
2025  
BOARD  
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO  
ORDER  
MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MSC to approve the minutes.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

Clerk presented the March financial report: checking \$40,835.77; LGIP General \$199,746.31; LGIP Machinery \$129,279.89; LGIP town Hall Fund \$112,425.07; Cash on hand \$25, Money Market \$209,951.07 \$50,000 loan and \$159,951.07 town funds). The town had also received the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter transportation aid on April 7<sup>th</sup> in amount of \$31,338.47 and \$484.20 from Simanski Metals for sale of steel from transfer station.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

Patrolman Tim Westerberg reported: 1 –the town weight restriction signs were posted March 11<sup>th</sup>; 2 - he and Don have been brushing, patching and repairing roads; 3 – the town mapping on the computer is half done; 4 – town pickup needed repair; 5 – has been obtaining bids for a new truck.

**PATROLMAN  
REPORT**

Chair Billeter reported on prices for new town trucks: Indianhead \$116,100; Universal \$128,178; Peterbilt \$134,532; Kenworth \$133,971; Western Star \$143,044; Freightliner \$131,110; and International \$119,441.

**OTHER ROAD  
WORK  
TRUCK BIDS**

The board discussed making sure the truck purchase is in the 2026 budget but action may be prior to the budget hearing.

Clerk instructed to include truck bids on the May agenda.

There were no driveway applications to consider.

**DRIVEWAYS**

MSC John Huber and Gordon Borner be appointed to the Town of Ellsworth Plan Commission for a three year term to expire in April 2028.

MSC Ron Reigle be appointed to the ETZ committee.

(Both motions by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

**PLAN  
COMMISSION  
&  
ETZ COMMITTEE**

Plan Commission members are: Kit Feuerhelm and Gary Nelson (terms expire 2026; Ron Reigle (term expires 2027) and John Huber and Gordon Borner (terns expire 2028).

**APPOINTMENTS**

ETZ committee members are: Brad Ristow, Katie Mazac, and Ron Reigle.

Clerk will notify Village of current ETZ committee members.

Clerk announced the new mailing address for the Town of Ellsworth is PO Box 58, Ellsworth. The appointed clerk and Treasurer have the PO Box keys.

**MAILING  
ADDRESS**

There were no operator licenses to consider.

LICENSES

The following bills were reviewed for payment: Ag Partners \$542.15 (propane); Catalis \$530 (treasurer tax program); CCF \$3,949.31 (April interest on loan); Chippewa Valley Energy \$ 1,347.60 (diesel fuel); Column \$178.00 (notice publications); Consumer Cooperative \$58.50 (gasoline); GFL \$316.41 (refuse hauling); Ironclad Storage \$500 (rent); Owen Assessing \$660 (assessing contract) and \$22.48 (postage); Pierce County Journal \$32.25 (voting absentee notice); Pierce County Solid Waste \$93.50 (tires); Pierce Pepin Electric \$204.00; Swift current \$77.34 (internet and phone); Waltz Ace Hardware \$154.19 (propane for patching machine & part) and Wisconsin Towns Association \$1157.63 (association dues) and \$281.75 (TAC Town Advocacy Council membership).

BILLS

MSC to pay the bills.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Correspondence included:

CORRESPONDENCE

1 – Pierce county land use permits for Peter Onan and Lucas Ristow (sanitary permits); and addresses assigned to Peter Onan and Kendra Stefferson/Brad Gadiant.

2 – Clerk reported Tim and Don have been registered for the April 24<sup>th</sup> Pierce County Highway Department Safety meeting and rooms have been booked at Chula Vista or both Tim and Russ for the WTA road course.

3 – At request of Sheldon Huppert, clerk wrote a letter to All Croix Inspections stating the town has no objections renewing the building permit for Sheldon and Janet Huppert residence permit since they had begun the construction process with All Croix Inspections.

4 – Clerk renewed online the wood burning permit with the DNR for the period October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026 and also updated with DNR the clerk and address information.

No comments from the public. Supervisor Ristow commented on having Andy Pichotta from Land Management come and discuss zoning and what authority towns have regarding solar farms and other issues currently occurring in the county. Decided to have Mr. Pichotta speak at a special meeting for the board and plan commission.

SCHEDULE DISCUSSION ON ZONING

Amanda Lorenz has requested a kennel license. Her kennel will be inspected by Brit Harmon from Companion Animal Control as our yearly fee includes this service. Brit will submit a report the end of the month and action to approve or deny will be taken at the May meeting.

KENNEL LICENSE

Clerk distributed the oath of office form to all who begin their term of office on April 15<sup>th</sup>: Town Board officers Roger Billeter, chair; Bradley E Ristow, Supervisor 1; Gordon Borner Supervisor 2; Lisa Hines, treasurer; and appointed clerk Russ Korpela. All signed their oath of office and were notarized by Phyllis Beaström.

OATH OF OFFICE

Upcoming dates: Annual meeting Tuesday, April 15, 2025; Open Book with the assessor April 16 from 7-9 p.m.; Board of Review May 6, from 7-9.

UPCOMING DATES

Next meeting will be May 5, 2025 at 7 p.m.

NEXT MTG

MSC to adjourn.

ADJOURN

(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

Phyllis Beaström, Clerk