

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490th Ave). The meeting notice had been posted July 3, 2025 at the town hall, Kenny's Lawton Bar, 715 Steer and Beer, Ellsworth Post Office and website. All Town Board members (Chair Billeter, Supervisor Borner, Clerk Korpela, Treasurer Hines) were present. Supervisor Ristow as absent – excused). Also present were: Tim Westerberg, Sheldon Huppert, Tim Lorenz, Barry Foy, Amanda Lorentz, Ron & Karen Webster

**JULY 7,
2025
BOARD
MEETING**

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO
ORDER
MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 2nd meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MSC to approve the minutes.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Clerk presented the May financial report: checking \$9322.85; LGIP General \$206487.16; LGIP Machinery \$130693.32; LGIP town Hall Fund \$113654.22; Cash on hand \$25, Money Market \$143,759.28 .

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

MSC to accept the financial report.

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter).

Barry Foy asked why the meeting notices aren't being published in the paper any longer. Korpela said it is not required by statute and it was a cost savings. Foy thought it was a good service. Billeter asked Korpela to begin publishing meeting notices again.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Amanda Lorentz explained to board she would like to get a state permit to do more dog rescue services. After some discussion, it was decided she would need a professional kennel license from the town which requires a public hearing. The hearing and consideration of the license application will be held at the next town board meeting.

**DISCUSSION
WITH AMANDA
LORENTZ
ABOUT KENNEL**

Now that 490th Ave is complete, the town can begin processing its LRIP reimbursement request.

LRIP REQUEST

MSC to approved submission of reimbursement request

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

MSC to table the storage container discussion

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

**CONSIDER
PURCHASING
CONTAINER
OFFICE**

Tim Westerberg said he has been working a washout, doing mowing and patching. Korpela said both he and Westerberg will be attending the PASER training on August 12. Barry Foy asked that a bump on 490th Av be checked out.

**PATROLMAN
REPORT**

The town board discussed the benefits of the box options available to them. They decided that electric controls were desired as well as a trip edge plow blade.

**CONSIDER BOX
FOR NEW PLOW
TRUCK**

MSC to accept the proposal from Universal for an amount not to exceed \$150,000
 (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

MSC to enter into a short term storage agreement with Sheldon Huppert for the new
 plow truck chassis.
 (Motion made Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

AGREEMENT
 WITH SHELDON
 HUPPERT

MSC to adopt the Pierce County 2024-2029 multi-hazards mitigation plan
 Motion made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter

COUNTY
 HAZARD PLAN

A driveway permit application was submitted by Ron Webster. Chairman Billeter
 recommended approval.
 MSC to approve the driveway permit application from Ron Webster
 Motion made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter

DRIVEWAY
 PERMIT

MSC to issue operator licenses to those who have completed the beverage server
 course..
 (Motion by Gordon Borner , seconded by Roger Billeter)

OPERATORS
 LICENSES

The Board reviewed the bills to pay. These included:

BILLS

Town Bills To Be Paid – Town Board Meeting – July 7, 2025

Haas Inc	490 th	\$134,984.02	
Pierce County	Election rolls servicing	\$100.75	
Brantley Westerberg	Mowing	\$120.00	
Iron Clad Storage	Office	\$500.00	
Wisconsin Towns	PASER/WHSLR training	\$100.00	
Lisa Hines	Re-imbusement for Plaque (Amazon)	\$85.39	
Elan Card Services	Intuit, WTA Training	\$241.53	e
Pierce Pepin Co-op	Electric/internet/phone	\$201.78	
Consumers Co-op	Fuel	\$195.50	
Waltz Ace Hardware	Misc	\$30.05	
GFL	Landfill	\$345.17	
Russell Korpela	Mileage to Rice Lake (164 mi) New Clerk Training	\$114.80	
Russell Korpela	Re-imburse WTA district meeting registration for Ristow/Borner	\$145.30	
Owen Assessing	Assessment Contract	\$660.00	
County Invoices			
October 2024		\$3,688.67	
November 2024		\$7,140.67	
December 2024		\$4,905.82	
January 2025		\$2,593.81	
February 2025		\$3,628.93	
March 2025		\$978.58	
April 2025		\$327.28	
May 2025		\$37,363.90	
Total County Invoices		\$60,627.66	
Total Bills		\$198,451.95	

MSC to pay the bills.
 (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter)

Board Reviewed Correspondence
MSC to approved propane contract
(Motion made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Roger Billeter

CORRESPONDENCE

None to Report

ANIMAL ISSUES

Due to Labor Day the September Board meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2025

SET SEPT 2025
MEETING DATE

Next meeting will be August 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate time for public hearing

NEXT MTG

MSC to adjourn.
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

ADJOURN

Russell Korpela, Clerk