

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490<sup>th</sup> Ave). The meeting notice was published on July 30<sup>th</sup> in the Pierce County Journal. The meeting notice had been posted July 31, 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, Supervisor Ristow, Clerk Korpela, Treasurer Hines) were present. Also present were: Tim Westerberg, Phyllis Beastrom, Tim Lorenz, Amanda Lorentz. Ron Reigle and Sheldon Huppert arrived at 7 pm.

AUGUST 4,  
2025  
BOARD  
MEETING

Chair Billeter called the meeting to order.

CALL TO  
ORDER

MSC to enter into Public Hearing (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner). No one spoke about the proposed commercial kennel license except for the applicant, Amanda Lorentz. She indicated she would like to provide more rescue services for the region which would occasionally necessitate a need to board more than ten dogs. There was some question if the Town Board was the proper body to hold the hearing. Lorentz explained that she thought there were no residences within 700 ft of her kennel. Due to an oversight, property owners within 700 feet were not noticed for the hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

MSC to move out of public hearing. (Motion made by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

The minutes of the July 7th meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MINUTES

MSC to approve the minutes.  
(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).

Clerk presented the May financial report: checking \$11,811.96; LGIP General \$206,487.16; 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 Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner).

There was no public comment

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Discussion was held on process to consider the commercial kennel license.  
MSC to approve the commercial kennel contingent on determining whether the County will require a public hearing either at the Town level or the County level. (Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

AMANDA  
LORENTZ  
DOG KENNEL

Korpela reported that Ironworks offered a purchase of the \$24,500 for the container office plus the \$500 August rent. MSC to purchase the storage container office for \$24,500.  
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner)

CONSIDER  
PURCHASING  
CONTAINER  
OFFICE

There has been no communication yet from Owen Assessing. It is possible that the firm will go out of business after the passing of Kelly Owen. Korpela will look at an RFP for assessing services should that be necessary.

UPDATE ON  
OWEN  
ASSESSMENT

Tim Westerberg reported that he has been working on patching, mowing and clearing ditches.

PATROLMAN  
REPORT

No driveway permits to consider

DRIVEWAY  
PERMIT

No licenses to consider

OPERATORS  
LICENSES

The Board reviewed the bills to pay. These included:

BILLS

**Town Bills To Be Paid – Town Board Meeting – August 4, 2025**

Ascendance		\$121,906.11
Iron Clad Storage	Office	\$500.00
CCF 490 <sup>th</sup> Loan Interest		\$4,916.15
Elan Card Services		\$
Pierce Pepin Co-op	Electric/internet/phone	\$183.34
Consumers Co-op	Fuel	\$195.50
Waltz Ace Hardware	Misc	\$30.05
GFL	Landfill	\$349.12
County Invoices June 2025		\$125.10
<b>Total Bills</b>		<b>\$198,451.95</b>

MSC to pay the bills.  
(Motion by Brad Ristow, seconded by Gordon Borner )

Board Reviewed Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

None to Report

ANIMAL ISSUES

Next regular board meeting will be September 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm. A Special Board Meeting will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> to conduct a 90 day check-in between the Board and the Town Clerk.

NEXT MTG

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

ADJOURN

Russell Korpela, Clerk