

The Ellsworth Town Board met Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall/shop (W6068 490<sup>th</sup> Ave) for the 2026 Budget Public Hearing, Special Town Meeting to Approve Levy and Regular Town Monthly Meeting. The meeting notice had been posted October 17, 2025 at the town hall, Nilssen's Foods, Ellsworth Post Office and website. Town Board members ( Supervisor Borner, Supervisor Ristow, Clerk Korpela, Treasurer Hines) were present. Chair Billeter was not able to attend so Supervisor Ristow served as acting Chair. Also present were: Tim Westerberg, Ron Reigle, Barry Foy, Tim Lorenz, Phyllis Beaström

NOVEMBER 3,  
2025  
BUDGET HEARING,  
SPECIAL TOWN  
MEETING, REGULAR  
BOARD  
MEETING

A motion was made by Ristow, seconded by Borner to open the 2026 Budget Hearing. Motion carried . Clerk Korpela made a brief presentation about the budget. Ron Reigle complimented the Town for budgeting for better communications and asked for some clarification on the payment for the new plow truck. There were no other comments. A motion was made and seconded by Barry Foy, seconded by Gordon Borner to adjourn the 2026 Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

**BUDGET HEARING**

A motion was made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Barry Foy to call the Special Town Electors Meeting to order.

**SPECIAL TOWN  
ELECTORS MEETING**

A motion was made by Tim Lorenz, seconded by Phyllis Beaström to approve the following resolution: Pursuant to WI Stats 60.10(1)(a) to approve a resolution of the Town Electors to adopt the total town tax levy to be collected in 2026 in the amount of \$497,347. A vote on the motion was held. The resolution was approved with 6 electors voting yes and no electors voting no.

A motion was made by Gordon Borner, seconded by Barry Foy to adjourn the meeting.

Acting Chair Ristow call the Regular Town Board Meeting to order at 6:55 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The minutes of the October 6, 2025 regular meeting and October 20, 2025 budget workshop had been distributed prior to the meeting and were available at the meeting.

MINUTES

MSC to approve the minutes with correction of Town of Hartman to Town of Hartland. (Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow).

Clerk presented the October financial report: checking \$67,958.69; LGIP General \$94,583.98.; LGIP Machinery \$ 9,499.93; LGIP town Hall Fund \$ 90,261.07; Cash on hand \$25, Money Market \$ 159,969.14.

FINANCIAL  
REPORT

Barry Foy asked about stumps/dirt at transfer station. Additional discussion on bridge markers.

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Tim Westerberg reported that he has been working on mowing and bridge clearing.ditches. He has also been working on cleaning up the transfer station grounds as well doing patching. He also has started to gather bids for seal coating for 2026.

ROAD  
REPORT/490<sup>TH</sup>/AGRIP

Korpela reported that CCF was able to extend the line of credit for the 490<sup>th</sup> project as we wait for reimbursement. He also is reaching to Ayres about a AGRIP application for 2026

No driveway permits to consider

DRIVEWAY  
PERMIT

M/S/C to approve the proposed 2026 Town Budget (motion by Borner, seconded by Ristow).

2026 BUDGET

Korpela gave a presentation about the proposed Town Strategic Plan. Ron Riegle said the plan was a good start for the Town for long range planning.

STRATEGIC PLAN

M/S/C to adopt the Strategic Plan. (motion by Borner, seconded Brad Ristow)

No operators license to consider

OPERATORS  
LICENSES

The Board reviewed the bills to pay. These included:

BILLS

**Town Bills To Be Paid – Town Board Meeting – November 3, 2025**

CCF Loan Interest	490 <sup>th</sup> Loan Interest	\$2,328.00
Universal Truck	Plow Blades	\$3,413.71
GFL	Transfer Station	\$349.12
Pierce Pepin Co-op Services	Phone, internet, electricity	\$172.60
Elan Card Services	Johnson Tractor, Intuit	\$191.26
Consumers Cooperative	Gas	\$64.61
Pierce County	Directories	\$24.00
Wisconsin Towns	Add Seminar At Convention	\$50.00
County Invoices	Asphalt Rake	\$72.99
<b>Total Bills</b>		<b>\$6,666.29</b>

**Debit and Payroll Transactions – October 2025**

Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1,064.82
Don Jakes	Insurance	\$510.00
Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1064.83
US Treasury	Fed W/H	\$2,195.76
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$2,141.15
Monk's Restaurant	WTA Convention	\$19.53
Tim Westerberg	Payroll	\$2,141.15
Russ Korpela	Payroll	\$1,064.82
Don Jakes	Payroll	\$177.32
Roger Young	Payroll	\$187.01
Nathan Beastro	Payroll	\$62.34

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 December 1 at 7:00 pm

NEXT MTG

MSC to adjourn.

ADJOURN

(Motion by Gordon Borner, seconded by Brad Ristow)

Russell Korpela, Clerk