

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025

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Supervisor Todd Charles called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Supervisor Todd Charles, Treasurer Kimberly Pendley, Clerk Brittany Carlson, Deputy Clerk Connie Holmes, Trustees Patrick Chachulski, James Bacon

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: Don Divis Road Commission

Bacon made a motion to contribute \$150 to Mecosta, Osceola, Lake Household Hazardous Waste Disposal. 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chachulski motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting agenda dated March 10th, 2024 2nd by Charles. All in Favor, Motion carried.

Public Comment- Don Divis introduced himself to the board. He is a new member of the road Commission.

Chachulski made a motion to accept the minutes dated February 10, 2025, 2nd by Bacon. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Pendley made a motion to accept the minutes dated January 13, 2025, 2nd by Chachulski. All in favor, Motion Carried.

The Financial report dated February was given with the following balances: General Fund \$152,150.32; ARPA Fund \$12,218.42; Tax Account \$89,514.87; Fire Operating Account \$84,113.99; Fire Equipment Account \$203,640.01; Fire Hall Debt \$19,317.98; Township Roads Account \$110,653.36; Nichoson CD \$3,132.24. Total of all accounts \$674,741.19. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd by Bacon to approve the financial statement as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments: Decrease Attorney (\$1,430) from \$2,000 to \$570
Increase Township Board \$30 from \$167.07 to \$197.07
Increase Treasurer \$600 from \$434.72 to \$1034.72
Increase Cemetery \$800 from (\$609) to \$191.00

Chachulski made a motion to accept the Budget amendments as presented, 2nd by Carlson. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills-Coyne Oil & Propane \$526.39; Summit Fire Protection \$70.10; James Bacon(PLOWING) \$150.00; Verizon \$212.22; Consumers Energy \$62.50; ULINE \$643.17; River's Edge Tree Specialists LLC \$12,600.00; USPS (stamps) \$73.00; Treasurer training MTA \$25.00; The Pioneer (ad in Lake County Star \$29.02; Amazon (Floor mat) \$69.95; Amazon (hall vacuum) \$129.99; Michigan Insurance \$412.00; Lake County Treasurer (Charge back 2023) \$16.20; Lake County Treasurer (Electronic data fee) \$2,257.50. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd by Bacon to pay the bills as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Area Cleanup will be August 23rd 2025. No tires

Chachulski made a motion to appoint Kim Pendley to be the Luther Library Treasurere, 2nd by Bacon. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

The board is looking into what roads in the cemeteries need done.
Discussion on the caretaker is ongoing.

The township is on K&T Lawn Services schedule for this year. Spring cleanup will begin when everything thaws.

There will be a fire board budget meeting March 20 at 7:00pm

There was discussion on the bill with Great Northern Lawn Services. Eric Soderman, the owner, Messaged and said he was sending the bill to collections. The council feels it was an incomplete job and the bill was paid for the work done. Bacon is in communication with the business and is trying to resolve the issue.

A motion was made by Bacon, 2nd Charles to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. All in favor! Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 7:54pm

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Decrease Employee Benefits (\$1,430) from \$2,089.54 to \$659.54
Decrease Building & Grounds (\$2,420.73) from \$9,000 to \$6579.27
Increase Township Board \$117.73 from \$167.07 to \$284.80
Increase Treasurer \$2,792.77 from \$434.72 to \$3,227.49
Increase Cemetery \$800 from (\$609.00) to \$191.00
Increase Clerk \$140.23 from \$1,133.56 to \$1,273.79