

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 14, 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 Commision, Assessor Linda Monroe, Matt Deverney

Chachulski motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting agenda dated April 14th, 2025 2nd by Bacon. All in Favor, Motion carried.

Public Comment- Don Divis will discuss the road repair one mile from the village limits to 5 mile with Road Commission when possible.

Amber Kelso (Kelso Media) Asked how long we want the meeting minutes on the website. The board decided two years is good.

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

Charles made a motion to accept the budget meeting minutes dated March 10, 2025, 2nd by Chachulski. All in favor, Motion Carried.

The Financial report dated March was given with the following balances: General Fund \$142800.92; ARPA Fund \$12232.50; Tax Account \$595.47; Fire Operating Account \$91611.82; Fire Equipment Account \$206799.71; Fire Hall Debt \$24766.45; Township Roads Account \$112918.75; Nichoson CD \$3,132.24. Total of all accounts \$594,857.86. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd by Carlson 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 Employee Benefits (\$1,430) from \$2,089.54 to \$659.5
Decrease Building & Grounds (\$2,420.73) from \$9,000 to \$66,579.27
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) to \$191.00
Increase Clerk \$140.23 from \$1,133.56 to \$1,273.79

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-USPS \$64.00; Lake County Treasurer (Charge Back) \$22.16; Consumers Energy \$52.88; Verizon \$176.88; Cadillac Accounting Services \$195.00, \$120.00; Summit Digital \$330.00 A motion was made by Bacon, 2nd by Pendley 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

Linda Monroe gave a letter of resignation with the recommendation of a potential new hire. Matthew Deverney has been an assessor since 2018. He presented a resume to the council. After discussion Chachulski made a motion to hire Matthew Deverney to be Ellsworth Townships Assessor with a start date of May 1st. 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.

We received a letter from Central Professional Services, Great Northern Lawn Services, Eric Soderman, the owner, sent the township to collections for the money he feels is owed. Pendley disputed the letter with all our documentation.

A motion was made by Bacon, 2nd Charles to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm