

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026

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

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

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: LCRC Don Divis, Township Assessor Mathew Deverney

Correspondence: Shop Cemetery Services. The board will keep for future reference.

Pendley motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting agenda dated January 12, 2026 2nd by Charles. All in Favor, Motion carried.

Public Comment- Don Divis said the Lake County Road Commission received \$378,00.00 less in 2026 than 2025.

Charles made a motion to accept the minutes dated December 8, 2025, 2nd by Chachulski. All in favor, Motion Carried.

The Financial report dated December 2025 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$147852.96; ARPA Fund \$12255.55; Tax Account \$154309.22; Fire Operating Account \$54542.12; Fire Equipment Account \$212734.31; Fire Hall Debt \$3455.97; Township Roads Account \$108999.06; Nichoson CD \$3187.86. Total of all accounts \$697,337.05. A motion was made by Carlson, 2nd by Chachulski to approve the financial statement as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pendley presented a budget amendment for the General Fund; Decrease Attorney (\$2,500.00) from \$5,000.00 to \$2,500.00; Increase Clerk (\$2,500.00 from \$1,324.38 to \$3,824.38. Chachulski motioned to accept the budget amendments as presented. 2nd by Bacon –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles – No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pendley presented the proposed 2026-27 budget.

Bills- Consumers Energy \$56.48 Election Source \$595.05; Lake County Treasurer \$1.92, \$2,397.50; LOSB \$30.00; Cadillac Accounting Services \$130.00; Coyne \$503.54. A motion was made by Charles, 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.

Assessor Deverney discussed board of review for March 12 9-3:00pm and March 13 3-9:00pm. Chachulski made a motion to spend up to \$900.00 on KCI for change notice, 2nd by Bacon –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Carlson received a quote for sinage for the front of the building from Krazy Kats Signs. An unlighted sign would be \$1,040.00 and a lighted sign would be \$4,300.00. Both including instalation. Chachulski motioned to spend \$1,040.00 on the unlighted sign 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried. Carlson will move forward with the purchase of the sign.

Carlson presented a contract for the 9 days early voting to be held at Newkirk Township Hall for the 2026 election year. Carlson motioned to accept and sign the contract for the 9 days early voting to be held at Newkirk

Township Hall for the 2026 election year. 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Continuing discussion on the renewal of the Consumer Energy will be discussed at the next township meeting on February 9th 2026.

A motion was made by Bacon, 2nd Charles to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. All in favor! Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 7:53pm