

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2026

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

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

Members Absent: Brittany Carlson

Visitor's Present: LCRC Don Divis, Jack Epstien, Anastasia Gugle, Arvas Soorus, Rose Soorus

Correspondence:

Bacon motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting agenda dated February 9, 2026 2nd by Chachulsk. All in Favor, Motion carried.

Public Comment- Don Divis needs the letter with the roads to omit on the spray.

Arvas Soorus discussed the E-coli in the little Manistee river.

Connie Holmes is not doing the cleaning anymore and recommended Anastasia Gugle. Chachulski motioned to hire Anastasia Gugle to clean the Hall once a month to be paid \$40 per month. Second by Bacon. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chachulski made a motion to accept the minutes dated January 12, 2026, 2nd by Bacon. All in favor, Motion Carried.

The Financial report dated January 2026 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$149,601.38; ARPA Fund \$12,054.89; Tax Account \$3,839.22; Fire Operating Account \$81,981.59; Fire Equipment Account \$223,922.37; Fire Hall Debt \$10,425.83; Township Roads Account \$117,294.57; Nichoson CD \$3,206.82. Total of all accounts \$602,326.67. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd by Charles to approve the financial statement as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pendley presented the proposed 2026-27 budget.

Bills- Consumers Energy \$74.47; Lake County Treasurer \$9.85; Shelton Heating and Cooling \$710.00; Verizon \$167.55; BS&A \$1,006.00; Summit Digital \$150.00; Michigan Insurance \$230.00; Crazy Kat Signs \$1,040.00-. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd by Bacon to pay the bills as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Assessor Deverney discussed the upcoming Board of Review to be held on March 3rd at 4:30pm; March 12, 9-3:00pm; March 13, 3-9:00pm. Tom Jolly is going to BOR Classes in Cadillac.

Joint budget meeting with Newkirk and Luther Fire Department. March 26 at 7:00pm.

Continuing discussion on the renewal of the Consumer Energy Ordinance will propose to adopt March 9, 2026

Budget meeting to be held March 9 at 6:30pm

A motion was made by Bacon, 2nd Chachulski to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:24pm