

Ellsworth Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 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, Clerk, Brittany Carlson, Deputy Clerk Connie Holmes

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: LCRC Don Divis, Allen Greenman, Chris Raymond, County Commissioner Kristine Raymond, James Pollack

Charles motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting agenda dated March 9, 2026 2nd by Chachulski. All in Favor, Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Raymond discussed a couple different programs through the county. RX Kids, Free Medical Clinic in Big Rapids on May 30-31. Lake County received a grant to help with blight in the county as well as some home repairs.

James Pollack discussed the possible dates for Area Clean-up. August 29, 2026 is available. Chachulski motioned to hold Area- Clean-up on August 29th, 2026. 2nd by Pendley.

Correspondence- Lake County Township Officers Association sent the schedule for 2026.

Osceola-Lake Conservation District Chachulski motioned to contribute \$100.00 to Osceola-Lake Conservation District 2nd by Bacon. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Chachulski, Pendley, Carlson, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Charles made a motion to accept the minutes dated February 9, 2026, 2nd by Bacon. All in favor, Motion Carried.

The Financial report dated February 2026 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$172,000.96; ARPA Fund \$12,054.89; Tax Account \$60,278.17; Fire Operating Account \$100,636.81; Fire Equipment Account \$238,465.29; Fire Hall Debt \$19,485.66; Township Roads Account \$128,077.65; Nichoson CD \$3,206.82. Total of all accounts \$734,206.25. A motion was made by Bacon, 2nd by Chachulski to approve the financial statement as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Chachulski, Pendley, Bacon, Carlson, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills- Consumers Energy \$70.50; Verizon \$175.78; Summit Digital \$150.00; Michigan Insurance \$300.00; USPS \$78.00, \$68.00; Coyne \$608.03; Cadillac Accounting \$220.00-. A motion was made by Bacon, 2nd by Chachulski to pay the bills as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Chachulski, Pendley, Carlson, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chachulski motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-03-01 Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Chachulski, Pendley, Carlson, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Ordinance adopted. Carlson will run in the paper and send to the county.

Carlson has been in contact with the county clerk and the clerk of Newkirk township. Newkirk township has voted to continue with the 9 days early voting by themselves. Because of that Ellsworth needs to join the townships contract with Webber Township For the 2026 election year. The board discussed having signed a contract in January with Newkirk and Eden Township. The next Newkirk meeting is March 17th and the

Ellsworth Township Board plans on attending their meeting to further discuss this situation. Bacon motion to hold a special meeting Tuesday March 17 at 7:00pm. 2nd by Chachulski. Carlson will post special meeting.

Carlson presented 2026-27 meeting dates as follows, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, 2026, January 11, February 8, March 8, 2027. beginning at 7:00pm. Charles motioned to accept 2nd by Bacon.

Chachulski made a motion to spend up to \$10,000.00 on brine for 2026. 2nd by Bacon. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Chachulski, Pendley, Carlson, Bacon, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion Carried. Carlson will send the contract back.

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