

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH BOARD MEETING**  
**January 5, 2026, 6:00pm**  
**130 N. Chestnut St. Lower-Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)**

Members Present: Trustees Borner (Chairperson), Austin, Bench, Neeley, Traynor, and Hines.  
Staff Present: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Roy, Chief Ladwig, DPW Vick, Library Director Meyer (virtual), Attorney Loberg, Engineer Evenson  
Others Present: Brad Ristow, Gordon Borner, Andrew Harrington (press), Russ Korpela, Mary Kees, Dick Leonard, Katie Mazac, Ron Reigle, Tricia McGrath, and multiple citizens virtually.

**MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order at 6pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.
3. Public comment on non-agenda items. **No comment received.**

**Consent Agenda:**

4. Review/Approve payments and deposits
5. Review/Approval of Village Board meeting minutes 12/1
6. Review/Approve Board of Appeals meeting minutes 12/8
7. Review/Approve Community Development Authority meeting minutes 12/18
8. Discuss/Possible Action on 2026 Senior Center Donation  
**MSC Bench/Neeley** to approve the consent agenda. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

**New Business:**

9. Discuss/Possible Action on the Village Extraterritorial Zoning Ordinance review.  
A/C-T Roy discussed the issues with the current ordinance from the Towns and the Village. Brad Ristow spoke about the history of the ordinance and the Towns desire to have reasonable regulations in the ETZ. The Village Board directed staff to begin working on ordinance amendments and for the Joint ETZ Committee to be involved in the process. **No formal action taken.**
10. Discuss/Possible Action on Grant and Piety Street Project Payments and Change Orders  
The payments and change orders total \$541,870.47 for work completed between November 19 through December 18. **MSC Austin/Hines** to approve the payment of \$541,870.47. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

**Reports:**

11. President's Report. The President's report was presented.
12. Department Head Reports: Reports were presented/provided by Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, Library Director, Village Engineer, and Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

**Closed Session:**

13. The Board adjourned to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. **MSC Austin/Hines** to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call Vote. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**
  - a. Cell Tower Land Lease Renewal (Yard Waste Site)  
No action taken in Closed Session.  
**MSC Austin/Neeley** to reconvene to open session. Roll Call Vote. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

**MSC Austin/Hines** to approve Verizon cell tower land lease renewal, with co-location payments and reporting. No further discussion. **Motion carried without a negative vote.**

**MSC Austin/Hines** to adjourn. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer