

**ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**7:00 PM January 15, 2026**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alan Skjefte -Chair, John Smith- Supv., Jilann Axt – Clerk, Dawn Renner-Treasurer

Other Attendees: Connie Johnson

Absent: Dave Jutz – Supv

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM on JANUARY 15, 2025, by Alan Skjefte**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**TREASURER REPORT:** Dawn Renner presented the treasurers report

Accounts Payable

1. Miller Outdoors - \$270.00
2. Herald Journal Publishing - \$120.62
3. Loan Interest due 2/1/26 - \$80000
4. Meeker County Hwy Dept -Striping (invoice from August) - \$2107.73

Accounts Receivable –

1. Meeker County –\$129953.51
2. Candidate filing - \$2.00

Balance 1/15/26 -Checking - \$145434.08

*Motion to approve Treasurer's report and pay all bills by John Smith and second by Alan Skjefte. Approved  
Friendly amendment to this motion to include the striping for Meeker Hwy Dept by John Smith w/2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Skjefte*

**CLERKS REPORT:** Jilann Axt

- a. Approve December 19, 2025, meeting minutes.  
*MOTION TO APPROVE DECEMBER '25 MINUTES by John Smith w/2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Skjefte. Approved*
- b. Candidate applications ended at 5 PM on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Applicants had until 5 PM on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 to withdraw. We had no applicants for Supervisor and one applicant for Clerk.
- c. Letters going out in January 2026 to remind residents we return to in person voting in 2026. County Auditors office doesn't have labels ready to go currently.
- d. Dassel Volunteer Fire Department Annual Banquet on January 31, 2026, at Dassel Fire Hall. RSVP by 25<sup>th</sup>.
- e. MN Township Day at Capital is Monday, March 2, 2026; 10 AM to 5 PM

**OPEN MEETING:** Connie Johnson mentioned a resident in Greenleaf where there is a structure that was not to be enclosed is now filled with wood, etc. and has blocked the view as you enter the intersection. John Smith will investigate. May need to add a 'blind intersection' sign.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. John Smith was tasked with investigating installing a water softener. B&C quoted \$1550 to get a water softener w/installation; \$500 if we purchase the softener and they install. Tri County Water is stopping out on 1/19/25 to look at an option to rent a softener. John will bring all options back in February for review/approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Annual Meeting is coming up on March 10, 2026. Voting will be from 4-8 like last year. Annual Meeting commences at 8:15 PM. Levies need to be established and documentation put together.

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by John Smith and second by Alan Skjefte at 7:21 PM**

*Items that will be carried forward to Road Work Season of 2026:*

180<sup>th</sup> also washing out due to August rains – move to 2026  
672<sup>nd</sup> shouldering work. Gravel there, waiting for skid loader work.  
Road Ditch sink hole needs to be fixed on 654<sup>th</sup>  
Culvert Repositioning on 215 st (1/2 mile west of 640<sup>th</sup> Ave)