

**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BANKS TOWNSHIP HALL
AUGUST 10, 2026**

Present: Rasmussen, Bennett, Spearing, A. Drenth, Ruis, Sowers, Dhillon, Potter, M. Drenth

Absent:

Guests: Chris Greene, Lisa Nagy, Riley Stansky, Jaris Rubingh, Lela Vancil, Katy Postmus

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **MOTION** by Ruis, seconded by Bennett to accept the July 13, 2026, regular minutes as presented:
CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lela Vancil and Katy Postmus commented that they will continue their support to help the Village in the search for funding to address the issue with the Bridge St. culvert.

DEPARMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. Recreation Department –
- b. DPW – The update for the security system at the well house has been completed. They continue to perform monthly testing with water samples.
- c. Zoning Administrator Report – Rasmussen continues to fill in until that position is filled.
- d. President's Report – Because of the recently placed new docks some changes are necessary with the layout of the grounds at River Park. Performance Engineers have been hired to assist us with this. After walking through Woodenshoe Rasmussen relayed changes he feels need to be made.
- e. Clerk's Report – We have received the check from the insurance company to cover the cost of repairs on the backhoe. As the summer recreation program closes for the season, we see there was an increase in participants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Planning Commission – Cancel meeting for August 13, 2026. Next scheduled meeting will be October 8, 2026.
- b. DDA – Concerts in the Park are done for the 2026 season. The DDA has requested the Village approves the appointment of Crystal Windish to their Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Boat slips – Council will be working on a policy pertaining to the use of the docks.
- b. The dedication for the docks is scheduled for the weekend of Paddle Antrim.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Dredging around the Bridge Street Culvert was discussed by the Council as a cheaper but

still effective fix vs dredging **and** replacing the culvert, possibly saving \$1.2 million by not having to replace the culvert.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minutes)

ACTION ITEMS:

2. **MOTION** by Rasmussen, seconded by Dhillon to accept the resignation of Tina Sundelius.
CARRIED 7-0
3. **MOTION** by Spearing, seconded by Bennett to approve the appointment of Crystal Windish to the DDA Board. CARRIED 7-0
4. **MOTION** by Sowers, seconded by Bennett to pay the bills. **CARRIED 7-0**
5. **MOTION** by Rasmussen, seconded by Sowers to adjourn at 8:10P.M. **CARRIED 7-0**

Marlene Drenth, Village Clerk