

Town of Erin Prairie
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, October 30, 2025

The town of Erin Prairie Special Board meeting was called to order Thursday, October 30th, 2025, by John VanDyk at the Erin Prairie Town Hall at 7:00pm. Present were Board Members John VanDyk, Brad Hermansen, and Dennis Mitchell. Motions were made by Brad to approve the agenda as presented John seconded the motions, which passed by affirmative vote.

Due to conflict of interest with the Ten Mile Creek Solar Project, Supervisor Dennis Mitchell will be recusing himself as a Board Member for the duration of this meeting, and sitting in the audience as a citizen of Erin Prairie Township.

Steve Wlodyga spoke on behalf of the Solar Committee about the proposed Ordinance they have been working on since June. It was brought up by another citizen that there is a 500ft setback in the ordinance, there are concerns by some that it is too restrictive. A citizen asked the towns legal counsel, who was present at the meeting, his thoughts on whether the ordinance should be passed. He said he thought there was no rush and it should be tabled and to give more time for the board to review it. Krista Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer mentioned that the board had just received the edited Solar Ordinance from the towns lawyer on Tuesday October 28th. Chairman John Vandyk made a motion to approve the Solar Ordinance, Supervisor Brad seconded the motion to approve the Proposed Solar Ordinance. Motion approved.

There was no discussion on the Township personally intervening on its own, there is talk about the County Intervening. At this time we are waiting to see what the County plans on doing.

At this time there is not a JDA to be discussed. The county has been working with Xcel on a possible JDA, the townships have not been included in these conversations.

Discussion about taking out a loan to fight Xcel was opened. The Solar Committee brought up a possible Grant they have been researching. They said there would be a way to apply, to be an intervenor, once accepted as an intervenor that person would be able to apply for a grant through the PSC. It was discussed that anyone could apply to be an intervenor, any individual person, multiple people, or any entity. The Solar Committee plans to continue looking into this. At this time the town board is not considering taking out a loan to fight Xcel on the Ten Mile Creek Solar Project.

At 8:55 pm Brad made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by John and passed by affirmative vote. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krista Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer