

Town of Erin Prairie
Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026

The town of Erin Prairie monthly Board meeting was called to order Monday, July 13, 2026, by John VanDyk at the Erin Prairie Town Hall at 6:30pm. Present were Board Members John VanDyk, Dennis Mitchell, and Brad Hermansen. Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda, Hermansen seconded it. Hermansen made a motion to approve the June minutes as written, Mitchell seconded it. Motion passed.

It was reported there is \$304,772.99 in our checking and Money Market Accounts at this time. The bills were presented and discussed. Mitchell made a motion to approve the treasurers report and pay the bills as presented. Hermansen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was a public comment questioning why a Board Member ran for Erin Prairie Board, with his conflict of interest of the Xcel Solar project. It was asked that he steps down and allows someone without a conflict of interest to take his position. There was a thank you statement for paving 140th Ave.

An ambulance was ordered for United Fire and Rescue.

Road work, 140th ave is completed. The ARIP project will start the end of July for 190th St., this will be completed before harvest starts. The road will be expanded about 2 feet on each side. Mitchell brought up the concern that at certain intersections trees are starting to creep in and block the view for drivers. The county will be contacted about possibly trimming trees, this usually happens in the fall.

There is no planned Data Center coming to Erin Prairie at this time, this moratorium is to be ahead of the game in case one is brought up. Mitchell put in a motion to approve a one year Data Center moratorium for the township, Hermansen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Battery Energy Storage System(B.E.S.S.) Ordinance was discussed. It was decided that the Ordinance and Application attached to it will be sent to the Towns Lawyer to review. Once the lawyer reviews the ordinance and application it will be added to the next meeting.

The Solar Committee has completed the B.E.S.S. Ordinance. And they have also completed the permit application for Small Scale Solar Projects. They are now working on the permit application for medium and large Scale Solar Projects.

Within the Small Scale Solar Application it states there is a fee involved. Hermansen has researched and said he has seen it vary from \$100-\$250 for other towns. The discussion was started about having a base fee to start with, then if there is extra assistance needed to review the application we will charge more. Hermansen made a motion to set the base fee at \$200. Vandyk seconded the motion. The Base Fee for Small Scale Solar Applications will be set at \$200 with it written that additional fees may apply if more assistance is needed to review the application.

The August meeting will be held Monday, August 10th at 6:30pm. At 7:18pm Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Hermansen and passed by affirmative vote. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Krista Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer