Town of Erin Prairie
Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, October 12th, 2026

The town of Erin Prairie monthly Board meeting was called to order Monday, October 12th, 2026, by John VanDyk at the Erin Prairie Town Hall at 8:00pm. 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 minutes as written, Mitchell seconded it. Motion passed.

It was reported there is $194,534.57 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 are no public comments.

The New Richmond Fire Assessment is going up 10%, United budget will be going up 10% as well. This will be noted in the November Budget.

Mitchell made a motion to approve the 10 election officials listed for the November 2026 Election, Hermansen seconded the motion.

John Mickelson was present to discuss UTV/ATV issues on 170th St and 130th Ave. He presented pictures of damage to his field and local gravel roads from 4-wheelers in his area. The board plans to figure out who is in charge of the local UTV/ATV association and contact them with concerns.

The Wind Moratorium was presented to the board members and read by VanDyk. Mitchell suggested sending the Moratorium to the lawyer to be read over. It was stated the Moratorium is worded very similar to all the other Moratoriums that have been approved. VanDyk made a motion to approve the Moratorium as presented, Hermansen seconded the Wind Moratorium. Motion passed.

Citizens asked if Erin Prairie residents are able to bring brush to New Richmond's Compost site. As many local towns have contracts set up with them as well. The board will look into this option.

The Solar committee is working on a Wind Ordinance.

We have received the Contractors Application for Payment No:1 for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP). The money will need to be paid upfront from the township, then once paid and approved the township will receive reimbursement for 90% of the project. With this the township will need to take out a Temporary Bridge Loan through Pillar Bank for $585,000. Vandyk made a motion to approve the loan, Mitchell seconded it. Chairman VanDyk and Clerk/Treasurer Johnson will be signing for this loan.

Discussion of the Battery Energy Storage System Application, this was originally sent to the lawyer for review. Mitchell, also sent it to Jason Kjeseth from the county to get another opinion and input from someone who deals with applications frequently. He made a lot of suggestions to it, so we paused the lawyer from looking over it further. After the Solar Committee reviewed Jason's comments and suggestions they brought it back to the board with no changes. It was then decided to let the lawyer further review the application before approval.

The November meeting will be held Monday November 9th, immediately following the Budget hearing scheduled to begin at 6:30pm at the Erin Prairie Town Hall. At 8:49 pm 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