

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
2026 BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the 2026 budget special meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Dean Beck	Yes
Susan Kurth	Yes
Mark Pingel	Yes

Also present were Treasurer Melanie Neuendank, and Clerk Sherry Weinkauf. There were also 12 electors present at the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Meeting Notices (posted on November 7, 2025)

Beck confirmed the notice was posted on the meeting boards within the Town of Easton. The notice was also mailed to the electors.

4. Open Public Hearing for 2026 Budget

Beck opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. and read the budget notice.

5. Presentation of the 2026 Budget for the Town of Easton

Beck reviewed the proposed budget numbers for 2026. He said he has been looking into possible grants for the town. He explained the assessed value and the revaluation of the town. He reviewed the mill rates/levy amounts for each taxing jurisdiction.

6. Close Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget

Beck closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to adjourn the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Special Town Meeting of Electors

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Beck called the special town meeting of electors to order at 7:16 p.m.

2. Public Discussion on Budget

Beck explained the \$150,00 proposed loan proceeds. It was indicated the Fire Department's 2026 budget decreased due to purchasing air packs in 2025. Treasurer Neuendank explained the proposed increase for public works. She said there are plans to do 2 miles of blacktop within the Town. Beck explained the pacer ratings for the town. The ratings help with determining the surface condition of the asphalt pavement. There was a short discussion on selling and purchasing equipment. There was also a short discussion regarding gravel roads versus blacktop roads.

3. Adopt Resolution #2025-01 – Adoption of the Town tax levy for the Town of Easton, Marathon County

Beck read the resolution. *Motion by Dan Southworth, seconded by Dave Arends to adopt Resolution #2025-01 – Adoption of the Town tax levy in the amount of \$548,152 for the Town of Easton, Marathon County. There was no opposition. All in favor. Motion carried.*

4. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to adjourn the special town meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN OF EASTON
MARATHON COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN
NOVEMBER 24, 2025
BUDGET SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The following is a true and correct poll list as kept at a town meeting held in the Town of Easton, County of Marathon, Wisconsin on the 24th day of November 2025, containing the names of all the persons voting at this meeting. The following names are hereby made part of the poll list.

Number of persons on this poll list 12 electors, 3 town board members, clerk & treasurer

Sherry Weinkauf

Sherry Weinkauf, Town Clerk

ONLY ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON MAY VOTE AT THIS MEETING

BY SIGNING THIS POLL LIST, YOU CERTIFY YOURSELF TO BE AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR OF THE TOWN OF EASTON

PLEASE SIGN YOUR FULL NAME

PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS	ZIP CODE
- Sherry Weinkauf	<u>Sherry Weinkauf</u>	233204 East Claire Riv. Rd. Ringle	54471
Robert W Weinkauf	<u>Robert W Weinkauf</u>	233204 East Claire River Rd. Ringle	54471
Ron Kurth	<u>Ron Kurth</u>	167633 St Hwy 52 Wausau WI 54403	54403
Susan Kurth	<u>Susan Kurth</u>	167633 St Hwy 52 Wausau WI 54403	54403
Dean Beck	<u>Dean Beck</u>	171902 GLENVIEW RD Antigo WI 54408	54408
Dan Southworth	<u>Dan Southworth</u>	1752 P3 State Hwy 52 Antigo WI	54408
Erin Merriam	<u>Erin Merriam</u>	229500 Sugar Maple Rd	54471
Dustin Merriam		229500 Sugar Maple Rd	54471
Barb Schneider	<u>Barbara Schneider</u>	230107 County Rd J	54403
Anne Heegeland	<u>Anne Heegeland</u>	172021 County Rd Z	54471
Eric Heegeland	<u>Eric Heegeland</u>	172021 County Rd Z	54471
Dave Arends	<u>Dave Arends</u>	165402 C Rd 2	54403
Nick Kluck	<u>Nick Kluck</u>	165448 Meadow Rd	54403
Mark Kluck	<u>Mark Kluck</u>	165448 Meadow Rd	54403
Nick Janak	<u>Nick Janak</u>	165826 Cty Rd N	54403
Melanie Neuendorf	<u>Melanie Neuendorf</u>	233991 Pleasant View Rd	54471
Mark Pingel			

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN ELECTORS

Town of Easton, Marathon County

Notice is hereby given, that a special town meeting of the electors of the Town of Easton, Marathon County, Wisconsin will be held at the Town Hall located at 169612 County Road Z, Ringle, Wisconsin, on the 24th day of November, 2025, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 town budget, which begins at 7:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

- To approve the 2025 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2026), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

Dated this 7th day of November 2025.

By: Sherry Weinkauf, Town Clerk of the Town of Easton

HEARING NOTICE

A BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025 AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWNHALL, FOR ALL INTERESTED TAXPAYERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

THE TOWN BOARD PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

SUMMARY OF TOWN OF EASTON BUDGET FOR 2026

	REVENUES			
	2025 YTD ACT (10/31)	2025 FY ESTIMATE	2026 PROPOSED	PERCENT CHANGE
TOWNS PORTION OF PROPERTY TAX	502,474	502,474	548,152	9.1%
TAXES, GRANTS & AIDS	226,451	314,438	305,244	-2.9%
LICENSES & SERVICES	123,833	123,833	120,820	-2.4%
OTHER REVENUES	3,081	3,081	2,540	-17.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	855,840	943,826	976,756	3.5%
LOAD PROCEEDS	-	-	150,000	
GRANT, RESERVES AND CASH FORWARD	514,928	514,928	536,110	4.1%
TOTALS	1,370,768	1,458,754	1,662,866	14.0%
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	200,438	255,438	238,800	-6.5%
PUBLIC SAFETY	134,886	157,886	60,000	-62.0%
PUBLIC WORKS	292,316	359,316	946,250	163.3%
DEBT SERVICE	-	150,000	143,165	-4.6%
PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE	-	-	-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	627,640	922,640	1,388,215	50.5%
GRANTS, RESERVES AND CASH ON HAND	743,124	536,110	274,651	-48.8%
TOTALS	1,370,763	1,458,749	1,662,866	14.0%

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

<u>LOANS</u>	<u>PAYMENT PER YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL TOTAL</u>
EQUIPMENT	95,000	254,559
ROADS	55,000	90,732
TOTAL		345,291

As required by Wis. Stat. § 65.90

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

SHERRY WEINKAUF, TOWN CLERK