

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

Town of Easton Municipal Center
169612 County Road Z
Ringle, WI 54471

AGENDA

Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of [November 5, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes](#), [November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes](#) and [November 24, 2025, Budget Special Meeting Minutes](#)**
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. [Adopt the final 2026 Town of Easton budget per Wis. Stat. SS. 60.40\(4\)](#)**
 - b. [Appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2026-2027 term](#)**
 - c. Sending tax payment receipts to taxpayers**
 - d. Clarification on meeting pay for Town Board members and appointed employees**
 - e. Clarification on hourly pay for Town Board members when they help Public Works**
 - f. Clarification on paying Evan Pingel for equipment work that was done for the Town**
 - g. [Revision to the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances: Chapter 17-Zoning Code - Fence amendment town feedback requested from Marathon County](#)**
 - h. Presentation of bills for approval**
- 6. Reports**
 - a. Treasurer**
 - b. Fire Department**
 - c. Clerk**
 - d. Public Works**
- 7. Remarks from Supervisors**
- 8. Remarks from Chairman**
 - a. [Two-acre minimum lot size for residential parcels](#)**
 - b. Solar update**
 - c. Grant update**
 - d. Winter manure spreading update**
- 9. Adjourn**

Town Board Members: Dean Beck - Chairman, Susan Kurth - Supervisor, Mark Pingel - Supervisor

Town of Easton Meeting Agenda for December 8, 2025, was posted on December 5, 2025
Prepared by: Sherry Weinkauf, Clerk

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the special meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Dean Beck	Yes
Susan Kurth	Yes
Mark Pingel	Yes

Also present were Treasurer Melanie Neuendank, Clerk Sherry Weinkauf, Public Works Rob Weinkauf, and Fire Chief Dustin Merriam.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed 2026 budget that will be presented to the town electors on November 24, 2025.

Treasurer Neuendank presented the proposed 2026 budget. After considerable discussion it was decided that the Recycling and Garbage proposed revenue amount needed to be adjusted to account for the increase in landfill tipping fees. ***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve increasing the garbage and recycling proposed amount by \$10 per household. All in favor. Motion carried.*** Neuendank will make that adjustment on the hearing notice and Weinkauf will post and have the notice sent out to the electors.

4. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN OF EASTON, MARATHON COUNTY, WI
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Beck

Chairman Beck called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members	Present
Dean Beck	Yes
Susan Kurth	Yes
Mark Pingel	Yes

Also present were Treasurer Melanie Neuendank, Clerk Sherry Weinkauf, Public Works Rob Weinkauf, Fire Chief Dustin Merriam, Mark Schlund and Jan Beck. There was one other audience member present.

3. Approval of October 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve the October 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments

Jason Jankowski, with Marathon County, was present to ask about the brine storage tanks discussed at a prior meeting of the Town Board. The Town Board would consider them to be installed outside on the town property. Beck said he still had concerns with possible leakage and would like the county to make sure they have liability insurance. Jason said if this did not work out, they would take the tanks out. The board members were fine with Marathon County putting something together and bringing it back for the Board to review.

5. New Business

a. Dog licensing fees

Clerk Weinkauf reviewed the proposed fees with the Board. She also reviewed 174.05 of the state statutes regarding dog license tax. ***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to match the fees set by Marathon County to include \$20 for an unneutered/unspayed dog, \$12 for a neutered/spayed dog, \$12 for an unneutered/unspayed puppy and \$6 for a spayed/neutered puppy. All in favor. Motion carried.***

b. Garbage and Recycling fees

Beck indicated the town received a letter regarding the increase in 2026 landfill tipping fees. The town needs to increase the garbage/recycling fees to cover those costs. ***Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve increasing the garbage/recycling fee \$15.00 per household. All in favor. Motion carried.***

c. Presentation of bills for approval

Motion by Supervisor Kurth, seconded by Supervisor Pingel to approve and pay the bills as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Reports

a. Treasurer

Neuendank reviewed her Treasurer Report dated 10/31/25 as well as the 2026 proposed budget.

b. Fire Department

Merriam said he received a quote on a thermal imager, and he is hoping to have a demo done soon. He also said the Fire Department received \$500 from the Lions Club. He will send a thank you letter. The donation will be used toward the purchase of the thermal imager.

c. Clerk

• POWTS Maintenance Program Fee

Clerk Weinkauf said she received an email regarding a \$6.00 annual fee that Marathon County instituted back in September for private onsite wastewater treatment system (POWTS) also known as a septic system. The purpose of the fee is to fund the state-mandated POWTS maintenance program. The fee will appear on the 2025 tax bills.

d. Public Works

Rob Weinkauf reviewed his Public Works report with the board.

7. Remarks from Supervisors

Kurth said moving forward she would like to see signs put up during road work for safety concerns. Beck will look into purchasing portable signs.

8. Remarks from Chairman

Beck indicated there would be open houses held in November by Marathon County relating to winter manure spreading.

Beck reported that WPS is working on a power upgrade and would like the town to trim the trees that are in the way. He said the trees are actually located on the Q&Z property.

Beck said Public Works Weinkauf is still working on installing the generators.

There will be an educational training presented by Marathon County Conservation, Planning and Zoning on December 4th regarding the permitting process.

9. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Pingel, seconded by Supervisor Kurth to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

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.

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

Adopting Final 2026 Budget

- After budget public hearing and special town elector meeting, town or village board votes to adopt the final 2026 budget at a properly noticed board meeting.
 - Simple majority vote.
 - Wis. Stats. ss. 60.40(4), 61.34(4), and 61.46(1).
- Final budget must be adopted no later than Dec. 31, 2025.
 - Budget year is calendar year (Jan. to Dec.).



Name	Worker Status	Position	Jurisdiction
Connie Ott	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Dan Southworth	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Joshua Teichroew	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Lisa Bennett	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Margorie Southworth	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Mari Kraege	Available	Chief Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Maureen Heck	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Mayra Thorp	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Nicole Nezworski	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Rosalyn Schneck	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY
Ryan Schindler	Available	Election Inspector	TOWN OF EASTON - MARATHON COUNTY



DATE: November 11th, 2025

TO: Clerks and Chairs of Marathon County Towns

FROM: Shad Harvey, Land Resources Manager & Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: 2026 COMPREHENSIVE REVISION TO THE MARATHON COUNTY GENERAL CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 17-ZONING CODE

Marathon County Chapter 17 (Zoning Code) is required by ordinance to undergo a comprehensive revision every 10 years. The last comprehensive revision was completed in 2016. The Conservation, Planning & Zoning (CPZ) Department is responsible for preparing the updated code.

Most of the proposed revisions are intended to:

- Ensure consistency with Wisconsin Statutes
- Clarify implementation and enforcement procedures; and
- Address common issues identified through the permitting process since 2016

Additional amendments are based on responses from the surveys sent to County-zoned towns in February 2025 and direction from the Environmental Resources Committee (ERC).

The ERC began the revision process in May 2025. The goal is for the ERC and County Board to adopt the updated ordinance in January 2026.

Current draft documents are available on the Marathon County website:

<https://www.marathoncounty.gov/services/zoning>

Submission of Comments

To help keep the revision process on schedule, please submit any written comments or feedback on the draft Zoning Code to shad.harvey@marathoncounty.gov by Friday, January 2nd, 2026. Resolutions or meeting minutes (these can be draft minutes) are preferred.

***NEW* Fence Height Amendment – Additional Town Feedback Requested**

A recent amendment has been brought to the ERC for consideration to adjust regulations for fence heights in commercial and industrial districts. If adopted, the amendment would allow fences up to twelve (12) feet tall in the front yard (within 2 feet of the road right-of-way), side, and rear yards of these districts.

The ERC is seeking input from towns specifically regarding this proposed change. To simplify the comment process, Marathon County has provided a *Fence Regulation Comment Form* for towns to use if they wish to submit feedback. The form is included with this memo.

Farmland Preservation Ordinance

Please note this comprehensive revision does not include changes to the Farmland Preservation Ordinance, which is also located in Chapter 17 but requires a separate process and state approval. That ordinance will be reviewed after completion of the current comprehensive revision.

Timeline for Chapter 17 Revision

January 6, 2026 ERC Public Hearing (Final Draft presented to ERC)

January 2026 (TBD) Adoption by County Board, Updated Chapter 17 goes into effect.



Re: Zoning and Subdivision Inquiry – Potential Lot Split in Town of Easton

From Dylan Groshek <dylan@usoniahouse.com>

Date Tue 11/25/2025 5:28 PM

To Town Clerk <clerk@eastonmcwi.gov>

Thank you, I really appreciate it.

Dylan Groshek

Usonia House LLC

715-573-1150

Dylan@usoniahouse.com

From: Town Clerk <clerk@eastonmcwi.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:55 PM
To: Dylan Groshek <dylan@usoniahouse.com>
Subject: Re: Zoning and Subdivision Inquiry – Potential Lot Split in Town of Easton

I have forwarded your message to our Town Chairperson. He should respond soon.

Sherry Weinkauf
Town of Easton Clerk
clerk@eastonmcwi.gov
169612 County Road Z
Ringle, WI 54471
715-573-1372

Please note that my email address has been updated from townofeastonclerk@gmail.com to clerk@eastonmcwi.gov.

From: Dylan Groshek <dylan@usoniahouse.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 4:10 PM
To: Town Clerk <clerk@eastonmcwi.gov>
Subject: Zoning and Subdivision Inquiry – Potential Lot Split in Town of Easton

Good Afternoon Sherry,

I'm reaching out regarding a 2.6-acre parcel I'm evaluating for rural residential home development in the Town of Easton, Marathon County. I've spoken with Marathon County's Conservation, Planning, and Zoning (CPZ) Department, who informed me that the parcel is zoned G-A as a legal non-conforming lot. They also informed me that the Town of Easton maintains a 2 acre minimum lot size for residential parcels. This lot is triangular in shape and is located east of Eau Claire River Road and north of County Road Z.

I'm exploring the possibility of sub-dividing the parcel into two separate ~1.3 acre lots to construct one obtainable single-family home targeted to young families on each lot. I would be acting as both the designer and general contractor for the project, using local sub-contractors for construction.

Could you give me some more information as to the feasibility of such a sub-division, whether I could re-zone to R1 or obtain a variance? If so, what would the re-zoning or variance procedures be? I appreciate your guidance and look forward to working with the Town on a project that aligns with Easton's rural character and community needs.

A little about me, I personally grew up nearby in Bevent working construction most of my early life, I have since been trained as an Architectural Designer. I am now creating a Design-Build business to serve young families in Central Wisconsin, helping them obtain affordable homeownership and the beauty of rural community.

Best regards,

Dylan Groshek

Usonia House LLC

715-573-1150

Dylan@usoniahouse.com