

Hampden Township

N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

April 21st, 2026

2025 Annual Meeting

Call to Order

Chairman Tuschen called the meeting to order at Call to Order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call

Town board members present included Chairman Tuschen, Supervisor Taylor Dahl, Supervisor Bill Hoffman, Clerk Nanette Hensen and Treasurer Lori Toutant. Also present was Scott Grove and Tony Trapp from the Plan Commission.

The April 15, 2025 annual meeting minutes were presented.

Hoffman made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

The 2025 Financial Report was reviewed and discussed.

Hoffman made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

A motion to authorize the Board to borrow money for a short term, if needed, was made by Dahl. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

A motion to authorize the Board to increase town cemetery plot prices to \$400 resident/\$900 nonresident (from \$200 resident/\$450 nonresident). Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

A motion to authorize the Board to increase Board and staff salaries and custodian fees to the following -

- \$2,500 for Chairman, Supervisor I and II (from \$2,000)
- \$60/Meeting per diem (from \$30/meeting)
- \$7,000 for Treasurer (from \$5,500)
- \$14,000 for Clerk (from \$11,000)
- \$2,000 for custodian fees (from \$1,200)

Board salaries have not increased in over 10+ years. Salaries increased for key staff roles of Treasurer and Clerk to remain competitive to ensure retention. Meeting per diem based upon county's per diem. Impact on the annual budget is expected to be less than \$10,000. Dahl made a motion to approve salary increases as presented effective for the next terms of office beginning April 2027. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

A motion to authorize the purchase of picnic tables for the town shelter up to a cost of \$5,000 was made by Hoffman. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

A motion to set the 2027 annual meeting date for April 20, 2027 (3rd Tuesday of April) was made by Grove. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

Topics/Discussion from the attended town residents - Discussion for consideration of new town appraiser and tabled until June meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hoffman, seconded by Dahl, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Nanette Hensen, Clerk