

Town of Hampden Board Meeting **January 20th**, 2025
Hampden Town Hall - N1291 Cty Road N
Mailing Address - N2455 County Road A, Columbus WI 53925

Agenda/Meeting Notice Posted - Posted at the Hampden Town Hall, Leeds/Hampden Recycling Center and town's website <https://townofhampden.wi.gov>.

Call to Order - Chairman Tuschen called the meeting to order at Call to Order at 5:30pm.

Roll call - Town board members present - Chairman Tuschen, Supervisor Taylor Dahl, Supervisor Bill Hoffman, Clerk Nanette Hensen and Treasurer Lori Toutant. In addition, Citizens - Tony Trapp, Ann Plata, and Julia Hoffman were present.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Chairman Tuschen.

Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -

- The town received notice that Alliant Energy submitted the Public Service Commission application for the Columbia Wind Project.
- Within our township there are a total of 11 sites - 7 chosen, 4 alternates.
 - Chosen sites - WT # 21,20,22,15,14,10,106
 - Alternate sites - WT #302-Alt,108-Alt,13-Alt,12-Alt
- Alliant Energy presentation to the town is scheduled for March 10th at 5pm and will be posted on the town website.
- Discussion on the following -
 - Website based on the GPS coordinates from the PSC application with two maps - sound and light. Hensen will post the links on the town's website along with a job-aid.
 - There are several missing properties.
 - Some properties show non-compliance with the sound and/or light.
 - There is inconsistency in the documents indicating that WT #10 as an alternate vs chosen site.
 - Further research needed on the date of the PSC hearing, the intervenor process and funding.
 - 2 ordinances apply - Wind Energy System Ordinance and Right of Way Control Ordinance
 - Hensen will follow-up with GEC regarding skillset, experience, costs and process.
 - Related discussion for data center zoning. Hensen will follow-up with the county and town attorney regarding zoning.

Minutes - Hoffman made a motion to approve minutes from the December meeting. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report - Dahl made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for December. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes. Total Funds \$961,984.76 (Checking Account \$645,919.30 and Government Pool Fund \$294,66.69). Bank balance is higher than normal due to property tax receipts. Balance will reduce once tax settlements are paid to the schools and county in January and February.

Payment of Bills - Request authorization to pay a total of \$565,002.13. Hoffman made a motion to approve payments. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Date	Ck.#	Name	Description	Accou	Amount	Acct Desc
1/1/2026	6729	Deforest Windsor Fire	Fire Assessment	120-52200	\$ (4,273.11)	120-52200 - Fire protection
1/3/2026		permit - smith & burtard furnac	Permit	105-44300	\$ 116.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspe
1/3/2026		David Mickelson	CSM/Legal fee	105-44400	\$ 300.00	105-44400 Zoning permits and fees
1/8/2026	6730	Columbia Cty Treasurer	Jan Settlement tax	022-50000	\$ (148,302.57)	022-50000 Tax collections and state
1/8/2026	6731	Columbus School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (317,456.45)	028-50000 Tax collections and lottery
1/8/2026	6732	Deforest School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (342.64)	028-50000 Tax collections and lottery
1/8/2026	6733	Fall River School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (1,598.41)	028-50000 Tax collections and lottery
1/8/2026	6734	Rio Community School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (18,398.50)	028-50000 Tax collections and lottery
1/8/2026	6735	Sun Prairie School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (27,752.67)	028-50000 Tax collections and lottery
1/8/2026	6736	MATC	Jan Settlement tax	030-50000	\$ (28,569.29)	030-50000 Tax collections and lottery
1/8/2026	6737	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (170.03)	118-51600 - General buildings and pla
1/8/2026	6738	TNT Lawncare LLC	snow plowing	122-53311	\$ (2,200.00)	122-53311 - Highway and street maint
1/20/2026	6739	Inter Quest	IT service	118-51400	\$ (503.40)	118-51400 - General administration
1/20/2026	6740	TNS Snow Removal	snow plowing	118-51601	\$ (287.50)	118-51601 - Snow removal General bu
1/20/2026	6741	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (510.00)	120-52400 - Inspection
1/20/2026	6742	Columbia County Hwy & Trans	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (2,519.82)	122-53311 - Highway and street maint
1/20/2026	6743	Column Software PBC	Ordinance Publication	118-51400	\$ (56.78)	118-51400 - General administration
1/20/2026	6744	Alliant Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (179.69)	118-51600 - General buildings and pla
1/20/2026	6745	Wisconsin Towns Association	WTA District Meeting	118-51100	\$ (260.00)	118-51100 - Legislative
1/20/2026	6746	City of Columbus	ambulance fee	120-52300	\$ (2,412.50)	120-52300 - Ambulance
1/20/2026	6747	Hampden-Leeds Disposal	Recycling Center	122-53631	\$ (8,000.00)	122-53631 - Solid waste disposal
1/20/2026		Cemetery Plot-Paul Martin	Cemetery Plot Purchase	109-46540	\$ 450.00	109-46540 - Cemetery
1/20/2026		Cemetery Plot-Jeff and Genier	Cemetery Plot Purchase	109-46540	\$ 450.00	109-46540 - Cemetery
1/20/2026	6748	LGIP - Martin and Lange	perpetual pmt to cemetery fur	109-46540	\$ (180.00)	109-46540 - Cemetery
1/20/2026	6749	Schulze Bookkeeping & Tax S	W2s W3	118-51400	\$ (108.00)	118-51400 - General administration
1/20/2026	6750	Columbus School	mobile home tax	100-41140	\$ (183.24)	100-41140 Mobile home fees
1/20/2026	6751	ABT Mailcom	tax mailings	118-51500	\$ (315.55)	118-51500 - Financial Administration
1/20/2026	6752	Edwin Baerwolf	escrow refund	134-48900	\$ (20.00)	134-48900 - Escrow refunds
1/20/2026	6753	Jeff & Nanette Hensen	escrow refund	134-48900	\$ (200.99)	134-48900 - Escrow refunds
1/20/2026	6754	William & Mary Kubly	escrow refund	134-48900	\$ (200.99)	134-48900 - Escrow refunds
1/20/2026		Schroeder Shed	permit	105-44300	\$ 201.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspe

- \$514K School and County tax assessments paid 1/8/26.
 - Fire assessments - \$4,273 paid to Deforest Windsor Fire. Waiting for Rio and Columbus fire assessment bills
- 1099s and W2s distributed.
- Discussed WTA article about Board awareness with financials. Clerk shared monthly process of paying bills, ledger tie-out to Treasurer report, Treasurer bank reconciliation, and tracking cashflow. Treasurer shares monthly report with Board and Clerk reports monthly register of bills within the Board meeting minutes. The books are available for Board review at anytime.
- No February 17th Primary election.

Chairman Report -

- Reviewed 2025 Lifestar EMS report
- Hensen will forward Town hall rental contract to the town attorney to review and adjust for the new liquor law for rented facilities.
- Hensen will register Board members for upcoming 2026 WTA district meetings.
 - Tuschen and Hoffman to attend Feb 7th, Dells location.
 - Dahl and Trapp to attend March 14th, Beaver Dam location

Plan Commission -

- Fee Schedule resolution to be signed at the February Board meeting.
 - Wind Energy System Ordinance - \$2000 application fee per wind tower site
 - Solar Energy System Ordinance - \$2000 application fee per solar system site
 - Right of Way Control Ordinance - Tentative upon GEC assessment
 - Commercial Road Use- \$2000 fee per installation/program
 - Resident Road Use - \$250 fee per installation/program
 - Example for installation/program - wind tower use of roads for installation for all 7-11 wind towers = 1 installation/program.
 - Toutant to setup separate bank account to segregate funds.
- Reviewed GEC permits list from 2025.

Road Maintenance - Snow plowing and salting costs will be evaluated in May once all bills are received.

Other Business - Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Next Town Board Meeting – February 17, 2026 at 5:30pm at the town hall.