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Other Business – None

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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, Kory Anderson from GEC and citizens - Tony Trapp and Ann Plata were present.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Chairman Tuschen.

Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -

- Right of Way ordinance
 - Kory Anderson from GEC led discussion on right of way ordinances to protect and reimburse town for damages to town roads
 - Comparison of current town's right of way ordinance to other towns' ordinances
 - Hensen will contact town attorney for further direction and potential amendments
 - Adds to the application to include require planned routes, pictures to document roads before and after, etc.
 - Fee schedule finalized and signed by the Board
- Wind turbine discussion
 - Board discussed town task force status report
 - PSC notice of incompleteness to Alliant Energy
 - Alliant Energy is resubmitting
 - Several pages of follow-up requests
 - PSC very responsive to town task force
 - 3/10/26 5pm Alliant Energy presentation
 - Meeting notice posted at recycling center, town building and on town website
 - Discussed preread questions list to Alliant Energy. Hensen will send to Board and task force for final review and approval and will then forward to Alliant.
- Data center zoning restriction pending town attorney response

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

Treasurer's Report - Hoffman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for December. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes. Total Funds \$958,142.85 (Checking Account \$610,038.84, Government Pool Fund \$326,205.24, Cemetery CD \$21,898.77).

Payment of Bills - Request authorization to pay a total of \$609,998.51 net of credits. Dahl made a motion to approve payments. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

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