

Town of Hampden Board Meeting **March 17, 2026**
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 5:32pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Chairman Tuschen.

Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -

- Wind turbine discussion
 - Discussion with attorney for representation. Scheduled follow-up meeting for further discussion. Hensen will post meeting.
 - Alliant Energy presentation postponed potentially to May Board meeting
 - Trapp will be attending WTA permit seminar
- Data Center moratorium status
 - Town attorney and town engineer currently working on ordinance and support
 - Will hold public meeting once ordinance is ready for discussion and approval

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

Treasurer's Report - Hoffman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for February. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes. Total Funds \$389,439.03 (Checking Account \$40,412.00, Government Pool Fund \$327,129.03, cemetery CD \$21,898.77).

Hoffman moved to amend the Town Hall rental agreement to prohibit the sale of liquor. Dahl seconded. Motion passes.

Dahl made a motion for an increase in Town Hall rental fee to \$100 resident / \$200 nonresident (from \$50 resident / \$100 nonresident) with rental deposit and custodial fee to remain unchanged. Hoffman seconded. Motion passes.

Payment of Bills - Request authorization to pay a total of \$20,467.30. Hoffman made a motion to approve payments. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

Date	Ck.#	Name	Description	Accour	Amount	Acct Desc
3/17/2026		Youth with a Mission	Tax Exempt fee	109-46100	\$ 10.00	109-46100 General government
3/17/2026	6775	Nanette Hensen reimb	2026 SAM registration renewa	118-51400	\$ (599.00)	118-51400 - General administration
3/17/2026	6776	Columbia County Hwy & Trans	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (10,889.01)	122-53311 - Highway and street mainter
3/17/2026	6777	Rural Mutual Insurance Compa	Town insurance	118-51938	\$ (6,240.00)	118-51938 - Other insurance
3/17/2026	6778	Columbia County Humane Soc	2025 contract	124-54100	\$ (188.00)	124-54100 - Public health services
3/17/2026		permit-trapp plumbing	Permit	105-44300	\$ 121.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
3/17/2026	6779	Alliant Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (207.14)	118-51600 - General buildings and plant
3/17/2026	6780	Bruce Gardiner Appraisal Servi	Assessment service	118-51500	\$ (1,675.00)	118-51500 - Financial Administration
3/17/2026	6781	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (144.15)	118-51600 - General buildings and plant
3/17/2026	6782	Columbia County Land Inform	mailing list for financial stmts	118-51400	\$ (30.00)	118-51400 - General administration
3/17/2026	6783	Rural Mutual Insurance Compa	Town insurance	118-51938	\$ (65.00)	118-51938 - Other insurance
3/17/2026	6784	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (310.00)	120-52400 - Inspection
3/17/2026		electrical permit - Array Digital	Permit	105-44300	\$ 230.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
3/17/2026		permit-Theodore Damm	Permit	105-44300	\$ 108.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
3/21/2026	6785	Mary Kubly	election training	118-51400	\$ (30.00)	118-51400 - General administration
3/21/2026	6786	Diana Popowski	election training	118-51400	\$ (30.00)	118-51400 - General administration
3/21/2026	6787	Pat Madden-Ripp	election training	118-51400	\$ (30.00)	118-51400 - General administration
3/21/2026	6788	Cindi Stokely	election training	118-51400	\$ (30.00)	118-51400 - General administration

- Hensen will notify Rural Mutual insurance policy to add the new shelter to the town policy.
- SAM registration completed
- Form CT filed with DOR 3/12/26
- Dahl made a motion to approve 2025 Financial report. Hoffman seconded. Motion passes. Financials will be mailed out to town residents prior to the 4/21 annual meeting.
- Spring Election will be 4/7/26 and poll worker training 3/21/26.

Chairman Report -

- Filings and reports -
 - Hoffman and Dahl submitted/signed Board of Review forms. Hensen to file.
 - Humane Society contract signed.
 - County Tax exemption report signed.
 - Reviewed EMS report - zero calls for Town of Hampden.
 - Tuschen completed County Emergency Management Survey.
- Meetings -
 - Annual Meeting will be held 4/21 6:30pm after the Board meeting. Agenda items include increase purchase price of cemetery plots, potential Board wage increase, and picnic table purchases for the new shelter. Board meeting scheduled time changed to 5pm.
 - Open meeting for Road Tour scheduled for Wednesday, 4/2, noon-4pm. The chair and supervisors will drive every town road to assess road conditions and consider maintenance.
 - Hensen to follow-up with town appraiser to schedule Board of Review and Open book meetings.
 - Tuschen attended County Planning & Zoning Open house for Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan 3/3/26 Meeting.
 - Other meetings open for Board members to attend -
 - WTA Columbia County Unit Meeting 3/26 7pm at Town of Leeds Town Hall
 - Columbia county meeting 4/2 530pm
 - Spring Local Municipalities meeting 4/2 530pm at Wyocena highway shop
 - WTA Spring Road School 4/27-4/29 Wisconsin Dells
 - Columbia County Storm Spotter Training 5/12/26 630-830pm Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, John Roche Community Room 711 E Cook Street, Portage, Open to the public.
 - Recycling Responsible Unit (RU) Annual Reports and New Recycling Ordinances 3/24/26 12pm webinar
- Clean Sweep potential dates discussed and will coordinate with the Town of Leeds

Plan Commission -

- Mickelson CSM discussed. Dahl made a motion to approve. Hoffman seconded the motion. Rezone approved and Action Report signed.

Road Maintenance -

- Culvert replacements discussed with further sites to be reviewed during the town road tour.

Other Business - None

Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Dahl seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

Next Town Board Meeting 4/21/26 5pm followed by the Annual Meeting at 6:30pm at the town hall.