

Town of Hampden Board Meeting **May 19, 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 5:30pm.

**Roll call** - Town board members present - Chairman Tuschen, Supervisor Taylor Dahl, Supervisor Bill Hoffman, Clerk Nanette Hensen and Treasurer Lori Toutant. In addition, Citizens - David Mickelson, Donald Borde, Tony Trapp, Lori and Harold Schwoerer, Tony Schwan, Gerald Schuster, Greg and Veronica Keip, Damon Slier, Audrey Kasminski, Glenda and Jerry Crook, Steven Pederson, Ann Plata and others were present. Note that not all citizens signed in and names may be misspelled, since it was difficult to read some of the signatures on the sign-in list.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Chairman Tuschen.

**Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -**

- Wind turbine discussion
  - Alliant Energy presentation.
  - Please refer to the slides and handouts posted on the town's website for further detail.
  - Alliant provided a large map of the wind towers within the town's boundaries. The map will be displayed at the town hall.
  - FAQ session
    - Will ice be flung from blades? Ice throw risk is extremely low, with no recorded fatalities worldwide. Modern turbine controls, automatic shutdowns, and careful siting provide multiple engineered safety layers. Setbacks and operational protocols further reduce risk, and Alliant would not build or operate a project in a way that compromises safety.
    - Comment that setbacks are outdated and not kept up with technology. Alliant application is in compliance with turbine siting PSC128. All turbines are over 1,400 feet away from homes (per the application, nearest participant residence 1,427 ft and nearest non-participant residence 1,476 ft), which is more than twice the total turbine height. Additionally, PSC128's sound threshold functions as an effective setback also.
    - Comment on missing information on environmental impact statement (EIS). EIS serves as the comprehensive environmental review for the project. Alliant will respond to the comments after completing a thorough review and after confirming details with the state. However, no citizen contact person was provided for follow-up response to the list. The full list of comments is posted separately on the town's website.
    - Comment on Alliant commitment to compliance with effects of shadow and sound. Alliant stated it is committed to strong community relations and will use technology, turbine shutdowns, and good-neighbor agreements to address resident concerns. The GNA discussion is a separate consideration; Alliant recently submitted written responses on this topic in a data request (item 3.1) and will comply with all applicable GNA regulations.
    - Why do we need more energy? Future needs for growth is a key driver, and long-term planning models also prioritize a diverse resource mix and account for future fleet retirements. If additional detail is needed, Alliant can provide more information or bring in subject-matter experts from their planning team.
    - How many wind turbines of this size? Alliant made mention of wind towers in Iowa and later followed up with Alliant wind tower locations of Ledyard in Kossuth County (IA), Bent Tree North project (MN), also a Nordex machine. Other utility-scale wind towers include Clearlight Energy – Deerfield II (MI), Enel – Ranchland Hybrid (TX), Transalta – Horizon Hill, White Rock East, White Rock West (OK) and AIP – Escalade (TX).
- Hensen to setup joint Board and Plan Commission meeting to assist with wind tower review. Meeting is tentatively set for June 15th.
  - Hensen to provide hard copies of WTA seminar renewable energy slides for the meeting.
  - Trapp to provide list of main topics for assignments.
- Reminder - Data Center Moratorium meeting 5/26/26 5:30pm at the town hall

**Minutes** – Dahl made a motion to approve minutes from the April meeting. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

**Treasurer's Report** - Dahl made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for April. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes. Total Funds \$384,381.10 (Checking Account \$69,381.04, Government Pool Fund \$315,000.06, cemetery CD \$21,898.77).

**Payment of Bills** - Request authorization to pay a total of \$27,709.19. Dahl made a motion to approve payments. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Date	Ck.#	Name	Description	Accour	Amount	Acct Desc
5/19/2026		village of doylestown	Reimburse Spring Election at	118-51400	\$ 17.10	118-51400 – General administration
5/19/2026	6816	Columbia County Hwy & Tran	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (5,250.36)	122-53311 – Highway and street mainte
5/19/2026		Town of Columbus	Reimburse Spring Election at	118-51400	\$ 17.10	118-51400 – General administration
5/19/2026		City of Columbus	Reimburse Spring Election at	118-51400	\$ 17.10	118-51400 – General administration
5/19/2026		Village of Fall River	Reimburse Spring Election at	118-51400	\$ 17.10	118-51400 – General administration
5/19/2026		SNS Electric-Kalter	Permit	105-44300	\$ 391.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
5/19/2026	6817	Lange Enterprises	ERN sign posts	120-52609	\$ (148.85)	120-52609 – Emergency communicatio
5/19/2026	6618	Municipal Law & Litigation Grc	Legal Fees	118-51300	\$ (3,020.00)	118-51300 – Legal
5/19/2026	6619	Alliant Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (175.34)	118-51600 – General buildings and plant
5/19/2026	6620	Municipal Law & Litigation Grc	Legal Fees	118-51300	\$ (625.00)	118-51300 – Legal
5/19/2026	6621	Grothman & Associates sc	Survey costs Cole Cemetery	124-54910	\$ (2,367.50)	124-54910 – Cemetery
5/19/2026	6622	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (41.64)	118-51600 – General buildings and plant
5/19/2026	6623	Rural Mutual Insurance Comp	Town insurance	118-51938	\$ (352.00)	118-51938 – Other insurance
5/19/2026	6624	Column Software PBC	BOR Publication	118-51400	\$ (181.25)	118-51400 – General administration
5/19/2026		State of Wisconsin	personal property aid	103-43420	\$ 378.50	103-43420 Fire insurance tax
4/30/2026		State of Wisconsin	PILT	103-43660	\$ 801.15	103-43660 Payment in lieu of taxes on sf
4/27/2026		Toutant	Hall Rent	113-48200	\$ 50.00	113-48200 – Rent
4/27/2026		Toutant	Hall Rent	113-48200	\$ 100.00	113-48200 – Rent
5/19/2026	6625	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (540.00)	120-52400 – Inspection
5/19/2026	6626	Madison Media Partners Lee	BOR Publication	118-51400	\$ (181.25)	118-51400 – General administration
5/19/2026		DM Acres driveway permit	Permit	105-44300	\$ 250.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
5/19/2026		AC/Furnace Greenwell	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
5/19/2026		AC/Furnace Hornung	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
5/19/2026	6627	Columbia County Hwy & Tran	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (14,826.00)	122-53311 – Highway and street mainte

**Chairman Report -**

- Open book 5/29 9-11am and Board of Review 6/8 5-7pm
- Gardiner contract through 2027
- Cycle race "Tour of America's Dairyland" on 6/29/26 will ride through a small section of Duborg road in the Town of Hampden and 6/30-7/1/26 through Fall River. Hoffman will field complaints for the Town of Hampden.
- Columbus Fire Dept article - "Will a Fire Truck Fit down your Driveway?" posted on website
- Clean Sweep Reminder 6/6 (date correction from 6/13)
- Picnic tables for the shelter delayed 2 weeks by supplier.

**Plan Commission -**

- Driveway permit dispute by residents shared.
- AT&T county driveway permit discussed. Tuschen to follow-up on potential date correction.

**Road Maintenance -**

- Hoffman made a motion to award Monson Rd LRIP asphalt bid to Tri-County Paving, Inc. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.
- Dahl made a motion to approve road maintenance as listed. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.
  - o Davidson Road \$15,800 by County
  - o Arnold Road \$10,900 by County
  - o Eggert Road \$51,550 by Scott Construction
  - o Culvert work by County - Eggert Road \$9000, Hall Road and Otsego Road \$8200

**Other Business** - Dave Mickelson, recently elected to the county board, introduced himself.

Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Next Town Board Meeting 6/16/26 5:30pm at the town hall.