

Town of Hampden Board Meeting **September 16, 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, Plan Commission member Tony Trapp, and Task Force member Ann Plata. Treasurer Lori Toutant was absent. In addition, Citizens - Theodore Damm and Julia Hoffman were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Chairman Trapp.

Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -

- Wind turbine update
 - Wisconsinites for Local Control (WLC) fundraiser for legal fees 9/26/26 1-3pm Savannah Oaks.
 - Tuschen will authorize attorney start negotiations with Alliant for road damages
 - Board to begin to prepare dissent comment opposing wind towers. Add as agenda item for October - Dahl, Plata and Trapp
- BECI Mid-Continental Transmission Line
 - BECI Mid-Continental Grid Board Resolution passed 9/4/26. Hensen sent resolution to PSC, DNR, Midcontinental, Columbia County, neighboring towns, Office of Governor, and Wisconsin Representative McCarville and Wisconsin Senator Keyeski.
 - Information and recent resolutions
 - County passed resolution 9/2/26
 - Town of Bristol passed resolution
 - Town of Leeds passed resolution 9/8/26
 - Town of Columbus passed resolution
 - 9/18 Senator Keyeski and Tom Tiffany to hold meeting at Kalahari opposing transmission lines
 - Posted on town's website -
 - Rights of landowners under WI eminent domain law
 - Right-of-way and easements for electric transmission facilities in WI
 - PSC Transmission line review process
 - No765line.org has additional information and maps

Minutes –

- Dahl made a motion to approve minutes from the August meeting. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.
- Dahl made a motion to approve minutes from the special meeting 9/4/26. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report - Dahl made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for August. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes. Total Funds \$301,831.39 (Checking Account \$74,297.98, Government Pool Fund \$205,488.04, cemetery CD \$22,045.37).

Payment of Bills - Request authorization to pay a total of \$50,056.14. Dahl made a motion to approve payments. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Date ▾	Ck: ▾	Name ▾	Description ▾	Accou: ▾	Amount ▾	Acct Desc ▾
9/15/2026	6881	Scott Construction	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (1,550.00)	122-53311 - Highway and street mair
9/15/2026	6882	City of Columbus	ambulance fee	120-52300	\$ (2,412.50)	120-52300 - Ambulance
9/15/2026	6883	Columbia County Hwy & Tran	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (33,066.22)	122-53311 - Highway and street mair
9/15/2026		permit-Recreational Concepts	Permit	105-44300	\$ 317.00	105-44300 Building permits and insp
9/15/2026	6884	Fast Turn Supply Inc	town hall shelter-picnic table	118-51600	\$ (6,708.00)	118-51600 - General buildings and pl
9/15/2026	6885	Municipal Law & Litigation Gr	Legal Fees	118-51300	\$ (955.00)	118-51300 - Legal
9/15/2026	6886	Crombie Lawncare LLC	Lawn service	118-51602	\$ (1,500.00)	118-51602 - Lawn care General builc
9/15/2026	6887	Alliant Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (94.15)	118-51600 - General buildings and pl
9/15/2026	6888	Bruce Gardiner Appraisal Ser	Assessment service	118-51500	\$ (1,802.92)	118-51500 - Financial Administration
9/15/2026	6889	Inter Quest	Website hosting & support	118-51400	\$ (662.42)	118-51400 - General administration
9/15/2026	6890	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (23.93)	118-51600 - General buildings and pl
9/15/2026	6891	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (1,281.00)	120-52400 - Inspection
9/15/2026		permit-furnace	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and insp
9/15/2026		permit-garage	Permit	105-44300	\$ 1,108.00	105-44300 Building permits and insp
9/15/2026		permit-Homes	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and insp
9/15/2026		permit-AC furnace	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and insp

- SLRF account closeout approved 8/27/26
- Levy Limit \$201,461, same as prior year
- Bruce Gardiner contract for 2027 reevaluation received and will be added to October agenda.
- Reviewed budget draft
- Reviewed cashflow
- Clerk attending WEC election conference 10/1-10/2 - paid for by AllVote. Dahl made a motion to approve clerk expenses for conference if AllVote does not cover conference expenses. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.
- Clerk in the process of drafting the town's emergency plan. Will add to November or December agenda.

Chairman Report -

- Revised right of way ordinance draft delayed. Will add to October agenda.
- Reviewed notice of resolution from Town of Bristol to participate in creation of a cooperative plan with the City of Sun Prairie
- Reviewed bid to snowplow town hall parking lot and town cemetery road. Hoffman made a motion to approve Longs Lawncare bid of \$65 per plow. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.
- Reviewed Columbus EMS report
- Call for candidates for town chairman and supervisors for 2 year terms. Caucus will be in January.
- New picnic tables!

Plan Commission - None

Road Maintenance - Annual Local Road Certification Notice - Tuschen to complete

Other Business -

- Town hall fire extinguishers tested and passed. Discussed adding one for town shelter. Dahl will purchase.
- Discussed rescheduling of Sue Swanson from Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey will do a ground water presentation. Will re-evaluate later in the year.
- Driveway permit disputed - will add to October Board agenda

Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next Town Board Meeting 10/20/26 5:30pm at the town hall.