

Hampden Township

N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

Town of Hampden
January 17, 2024

Town Board Meeting

Agenda/Meeting Notice Posted:

Posted at the Hampden Town Hall, Jerry Schaefer's and the Leeds/Hampden Recycling Center.

Call to Order:

Chairman Tuschen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Town board members present - Chairman Tuschen and Supervisors Bill Hoffman and Taylor Dahl, Treasurer Lori Toutant and Clerk Diane Guenther. Also present, Jr and Sherry Manthe, Mike Minick and Brian Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Tuschen

Minutes:

Dahl approved the December meeting minutes. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Checking Acct: \$723,450.81

Gov't Pool Fund: \$373,317.11

Dahl made a motion to approve the treasurer report, Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

Ck# 6352	Columbia Cty Treasurer	Jan Settlement	\$168,963.12
Ck# 6353	Columbus School District	Jan Settlement	\$308,030.67
Ck# 6354	Deforest Area School District	Jan Settlement	\$331.59
Ck# 6355	Fall River School District	Jan Settlement	\$1318.16
Ck# 6356	Rio Community School District	Jan Settlement	\$19,920.88
Ck# 6357	Sun Prairie Area School District	Jan Settlement	\$26,524.17
Ck# 6358	MATC	Jan Settlement	\$31,013.58
Ck# 6359	Columbia Cty Humane Society	Service Contract	\$94.00
Ck# 6360	Arlington Hardware	Repair bubbler-T Hall	\$140.72
Ck# 6361	MG&E	Gas – T Hall	\$210.00
Ck# 6362	Alliant Energy	Electricity – T Hall	\$220.00
Ck# 6363	Inter Quest	IT service	\$66.30
Ck# 6364	Columbus Rural Fire Group	Fire assessment	\$20,643.08
Ck# 6365	Rio Community Fire Assoc.	Fire assessment	\$11,912.00
Ck# 6366	Deforest Windsor Fire & EMS	Fire assessment	\$2892.46
Ck# 6367	VOID		
Ck# 6368	Brian Hall – ½ downpayment	Painting inside T Hall	\$2000.00
Ck# 6369	Wisc Towns Association	WTA meetings	\$130.00
Ck# 6370	ABT Mailcom	RE taxes mailing	\$330.80
Ck# 6371	Shaun Opsahl	Escrow refund	\$542.27

Ck# 6372	Brendon VanDerVliet	Escrow refund	\$260.41
Ck# 6373	Daniel Deeren	Escrow refund	\$196.56
Ck# 6374	Matthew Johnson	Escrow refund	\$173.85
Ck# 6375	John Malone	Escrow refund	\$306.19
Ck# 6376	Kevin Minor	Escrow refund	\$182.52

Dahl made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Hoffman. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments/Correspondence:

A permit from Charter Spectrum was presented to do work in the township starting around May 1, 2024 with an estimated completion date of 12-30-2024.

Wisconsin Towns Association district meetings have started which will include BOR training.

Chairman Report:

The parking lot at the Hampden Leeds Recycling Center will be expanded.

John Kraus from Columbus Rural Fire Group is working on the fire truck purchase between the fire group and City of Columbus.

Crombie Lawn Care will do the mowing for 2024.

Plan Commission Report:

Dahl reported that a plan commission meeting was held Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Scott Sharpee was there to get information about what needs to be done to build a house on property in the township.

Also started reviewing the Town of Hampden Comprehensive Plan – State Statutes state that comprehensive plans need to be reviewed every ten years. County Supervisor Andrew Groves attended the meeting to give the plan commission some guidance/direction on how to start.

Road Maintenance:

A lot of complaints about snow plowing. Tuschen stated he kept in contact with the County Highway Department, they are doing their best with the help they have.

Other Business:

Dahl made a motion to accept the bid to paint the inside of the town hall from Brian Hall and not to exceed \$4000.00 Hoffman seconded the motion.

Hoffman made a motion to replace the toilets in all three bathrooms and cap off the water lines to the bubbler using the quote from Arlington Hardware Co., Dahl seconded the motion.

Cole Cemetery was discussed. It is an abandoned cemetery in the township, off Hall Road. The owners of the lands around the cemetery (Jr and Sherry Manthe) would like to clear the trees and brush on their land that is around the cemetery and if the town would approve, they would clear the cemetery also. They would respect that it is a cemetery. They would cut the trees and grind the stumps in the cemetery.

Hoffman made a motion to approve the clearing of the trees and grinding the stumps in Cole Cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$4500.00. Dahl seconded the motion. Dahl will mark the corners of the cemetery.

The next town board meeting will be February 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Hoffman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dahl. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m..

Diane Guenther, Clerk