

## **Hampden Township**

N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

Town of Hampden  
March 19, 2024

### **Town Board Meeting**

#### **Agenda/Meeting Notice Posted:**

Posted at the Hampden Town Hall, Sassy Cow, and the Leeds/Hampden Recycling Center and Schaefer's Repair Shop.

#### **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 Brian Hall, Richard Schoeder, Allan Schroeder, Autin and Hailey Underdahl, Emily Reigstad, Sandy Daggot, Chrissy Long and Nanette Hensen.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Led by Guenther

#### **Minutes:**

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

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Checking Acct: \$162,827.36

Gov't Pool Fund: \$405,827.32

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

#### **Payment of Bills:**

Ck# 6388	Columbia Cty Hwy & Trans	Road maintenance	\$25,862.03
Ck# 6389	Rural Mutual Insurance	Town insurance	\$6269.00
Ck# 6390	Inter Quest	IT service	\$33.15
Ck# 6391	Ace Hardware	Supplies – T Hall	\$42.99
Ck# 6392	Bruce Gardiner Appraisal	Assessment service	\$1650.00
Ck# 6393	Alliant Energy	Electricity – T Hall	\$180.75
Ck# 6394	MG&E	Gas – T Hall	\$159.58
Ck# 6395	TNS Snow Plowing	Snow plow – T Hall	\$332.50
Ck# 6396	Columbia Cty Accounting Dept	Haz-Mat service agreement	\$166.00
Ck# 6397	Arlington Hardware	Repairs – T Hall	\$2735.08
Ck# 6398	GEC	Inspection fee	\$211.00
Ck# 6399	Bruce Gardiner Appraisal	Assessment costs	\$412.65
Ck# 6400	Brian Hall	Painting – T Hall	\$900.00
Ck# 6401	Lori Toutant	½ down on Shades – T Hall	\$740.00

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

**Citizen Comments/Correspondence:**

Hoffman reported that he had received a call from a resident with concerns about what was going on in the Cole Cemetery in Hampden. They were checking that no one was disturbing the graves. Hoffman stated that it was just being cleaned up because it had gotten so overgrown with brush and trees. The board discussed this issue and thought maybe get someone out to survey it and put posts around the cemetery and then mark it.

There was attendance from residents that are interested in the town clerk position. They all introduced themselves. The clerk and board members discussed the position.

**Chairman Report:**

Tuschen stated that the joint meeting with the Town of Leeds, Lowville, and Arlington is still on hold, waiting to get hold of an attorney.

**Plan Commission Report:**

No report

**Road Maintenance:**

There was a discussion on ARIP – Agricultural Road Improvement Program. No decision was made.

The board set a date for the annual road review inspection. It is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 8:30 am. An incidental quorum may occur. No other town business will be discussed or acted on.

Tuschen discussed the culvert report for Hampden from Columbia Cty Hwy. There are approximately 120 culverts and about 4-6 culverts that are over 6 feet that would account as bridges and qualify for the WisDot small bridge/culvert program.

**Other Business:**

Schroeders are doing some tiling and would like to go under Eggert Road, near the intersection of Eggert and County Road A. Tuschen stated that there is a culvert that needs to be replaced or lowered and maybe they could work together on that. Schroeders are thinking they would start in about 10 days to 2 weeks. The board was okay with them going forward.

They also had some concerns on Kranz Road by Dave's Dream. They have cleaned the waterway out in the field and that water drains to Kranz Road but there are stones piled up that are in the ditch right of way that are slowing down the draining. The board will look at that when they do the road inspection.

The local unit signature page for 2024 Haz-Mat service was filled out and signed.

The next town board meeting will be April 16th, 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