

## **Hampden Township**

N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

Town of Hampden  
Oct 16th, 2024

### **Town Board Meeting**

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

Posted at the Hampden Town Hall, Sassy Cow, and Leeds/Hampden Recycling Center.

#### **Call to order:**

Chairman Tuschen Called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

#### **Roll call:**

Town board members present - Chairman Tuschen, Supervisors Taylor Dahl and Bill Hoffman, Treasurer Lori Toutant, and Clerk Diane Guenther. Also present, Nanette Hensen.

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

Led by Chairman Tuschen

#### **Minutes:**

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

#### **Treasurer Report:**

Checking Account \$106,697.30

Government Pool Fund \$288,816.95

Total Funds \$395,514.25

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

To segregate Nancy Kind \$13,216 donations from checking, Toutant will either create a new cemetery improvement fund or place it into a CD.

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

Ck# 6495	ABT Mailcom	Postage for tax bills	\$550.00
Ck# 6496	Inter Quest	IT service/Computer	\$1083.00
Ck# 6497	City of Columbus	Ambulance service	\$1718.44
Ck# 6498	GEC	Inspection fee	\$811.00
Ck# 6499	Alliant Energy	Electricity – T Hall	\$64.25
Ck# 6500	Nanette Hensen	Training workshop	\$72.65
Ck# 6501	Wisconsin Towns Association	Handbooks for clerk	\$95.00
Ck# 6502	MG&E	Gas – T Hall	\$22.63
Ck# 6503	Columbia Cty Hwy & Trans	Cty Aid Road Work	\$28967.20
Ck# 6504	Columbia Cty Hwy	Road maintenance	\$4077.67

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

**Citizen comments:**

Town supervisor provided potential telephone companies to citizen inquiry relating to blown transformer.

**Chairman report:**

Discussed Rio 2025 fire budget and allocation to Town of Hampden of \$12,499 (increased from \$11,688 in 2024). Board directors to attend Columbus Rural Fire 2025 budget meeting next week, October 24th at 7pm.

**Plan commission:**

none

**Road maintenance:**

The Board agreed to participate in round 2 application for the Agriculture Road Improvement Program (ARIP) for road maintenance for Bristol Road. The Town of Hampden section covers a few hundred yards between County Road N and A.

Received \$3K Emergency Management grants, but did not qualify for second grant since culverts covered under a different program.

Dahl made a motion to contract with TNT Lawn Care, LLC (Chad Theis) to plow/salt dead-end roads for 2025. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Discussion to provide documentation to obligate funds from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). ARPA funds to be allocated, by priority- to shelter build, town hall air conditioner, with remaining funds to partially fund Columbus Rural Fire Group Fire truck.

Discussed 2025 town budget draft. Budget approval will be on the November agenda.

Next Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 19th at 5:30pm.

Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm.