

Hampden Township

N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

November 19, 2024

Agenda/Meeting Notices Posted

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

Roll call

Town board members present - Chairman Tuschen, Supervisors Taylor Dahl and Bill Hoffman, Clerk Diane Guenther, and Deputy Clerk Nanette Hensen. Treasurer Lori Toutant was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Chairman Tuschen

Budget Hearing

Chairman Tuschen called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

Discussed proposed 2025 Budget

Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Hoffman. Meeting Adjourned at 6:03pm

Special Electors Meeting:

Call to order:

Tuschen called the meeting to order at 5:55

Hoffman made a motion to approve the town levy for \$199,969.00 to be collected in 2025.

Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

Chairman Tuschen made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dahl. Meeting Adjourned at 6:04pm

Town Board Meeting

Call to Order -

Chairman Tuschen called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Minutes -

Dahl made a motion to approve minutes from the October meeting. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Treasurers Report -

Checking Account \$ 69,980.86

Government Pool Fund \$319,074.56

Total Funds \$389,055.42

Funds for \$21,225 from the Nancy Kind estate will be moved to a certificate of deposit for cemetery improvement.

Dahl made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Payment of Bills -

Ck# 6505	Roberta Schaefer	Election work	\$70.00
Ck# 6506	Diana Popowski	Election work	\$70.00
Ck# 6507	Mary Kubly	Election work	\$70.00
Ck# 6508	Ann Plata	Election work	\$70.00
Ck# 6509	Julia Hoffman	Election work	\$140.00
Ck# 6510	Ric Choudoir	Election work	\$140.00
Ck# 6511	Inter Quest	IT service	\$365.28
Ck# 6512	GEC	Inspection fee	\$160.00
Ck# 6513	Hampden Leeds Disposal	½ payment for improvements	\$9000.00
Ck# 6514	Columbus Cty Clerk	Election supplies	\$55.20
Ck# 6515	Hammes Fire Safety	Service call	\$51.00
Ck# 6516	Columbia Cty Humane Soc.	Pick up fee	\$180.00
Ck# 6517	MG&E	Gas – T Hall	\$38.23
Ck# 6518	Alliant Energy	Electricity – T Hall	\$57.79
Ck# 6519	Transcendent Technologies	Annual dog & tax software	\$767.00
Ck# 6520	Madison Media Partners	Election publication	\$12.04

No county bill has been received yet.

Dahl made a motion to approve payment of bills. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -

Election results

581 population

410 registered voters

29 new registrants

400 votes including 57 absentee votes

President -

228 Trump

168 Harris

1 Terry

0 Oliver

1 Stein

0 De la Cruz

0 West

1 Kennedy

0 Write-in

UW Senator -

174 Baldwin

224 Hovde

0 Anderson

0 Write-in

1 Leager

General Engineering has a new fee schedule.

Diane Guenther submitted her letter of resignation which will be effective after the December 17th town board meeting.

Chairman Report -

Directors attended the Columbia County dept meeting. Discussions included bridge work, County Road A work in 2026, and other road work. The Town of Hampden will have 3 signs replaced/repared as part of winter projects.

The Rio and Columbus Fire budgets were approved.

The Recycling Center will be closed this Saturday, 11/23/24.

Chairman Tuschen did a tour with TNT Lawn Care of the deadend roads for snowplowing this winter. Plowing will include 2"+ of snow and blowing/drifting snow will be on-call basis.

Chairman Tuschen attended an Alliant Energy meeting last week relating to wind towers. Mid-2025 a proposal will be prepared for the planning commission. If approved, planning will begin in 2027 and wind towers will be built and in use for power in 2028. There will be 40 towers in total and placement is not final.

Plan Commission -

Reviewed land division for Paul and Donna Sharpee to create a 5 acre lot with an existing house and outbuildings located at N1024 County Road N and deed restrict the remaining parcel, 34.79 acres, from further residential development by rezoning to A-1 Ag with A-4 Overlay.

Hoffman made a motion to approve the land division as proposed. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

Road Maintenance -

The town replaced 7 culverts this year.

The board to consider additional winter projects for Columbia County Hwy Dept.

Other Business -

Hoffman made a motion to approve the Memo of Understanding between Town of Hampden and Columbia County for WisVote service. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

Dahl made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget for \$495,272. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

American Rescue Plan Act (AARPA/Covid) funds will be reserved to pay for the town's allocation of the new Columbus fire truck (in 2026) and the remaining funds to help pay for a new town shelter. The contract for the shelter was signed. Funds will need to be obligated by the end of the year.

Next Town Board Meeting –December 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Hoffman. Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm

Nanette Hensen, Deputy Clerk

