

## Hampden Township

N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

### **Town Board Meeting** Jan 21st, 2025

**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 Call to Order at 5:30pm.

**Roll call** - Town board members present - Chairman Tuschen, Supervisor Taylor Dahl, Supervisor Bill Hoffman, Treasurer Lori Toutant, and Clerk Nanette Hensen.

**Pledge of Alliance** - Led by Chairman Tuschen

**Minutes** - Hoffman made a motion to approve minutes from the December meeting. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.

Caucus results – all incumbents were nominated and there were no other candidates.

Dahl made a motion to approve minutes from the January 18th Caucus meeting. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dahl made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

Checking Account \$583,976.86

Government Pool Fund \$367,926.78

Total Funds \$951,903.64

Additional escrow funds received for \$161.34 with no identifying parcel. Will hold funds until contacted by the bank.

**Road Maintenance** - The Board reviewed the details associated with the most recent county road bill for \$64,596.11.

Tuschen is working with the county to add a flashing stop sign at the intersection of Hwy N and DM/K due to the several accidents at that location. The county board will review the request in March.

There was discussion about the right-of-way ordinance for companies that bury lines within the town. There is consideration to charge fees to cover the cost of potential landscape repairs.

**Payment of Bills** - Dahl made a motion to approve minutes from the November meeting. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck.#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description`</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1/8/2025	6543	Columbia Cty Treasurer	Jan Settlement tax	022-50000	\$ (149,567.89)
1/8/2025	6544	Columbus School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (275,243.39)
1/8/2025	6545	Deforest School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (315.04)
1/8/2025	6546	Fall River School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (1,495.01)
1/8/2025	6547	Rio Community School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (16,654.07)
1/8/2025	6548	Sun Prairie School	Jan Settlement tax	028-50000	\$ (26,145.77)
	6549	VOID			
1/8/2025	6550	MATC	Jan Settlement tax	030-50000	\$ (28,415.48)
1/21/2025	6551	Columbia Cty Hwy & Trans	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (64,596.11)
1/21/2025	6555	Columbus Rural Fire Group	Fire Assessment	120-52200	\$ (19,319.26)
1/21/2025	6557	Rio Community Fire	Fire Assessment	120-52200	\$ (12,499.00)
1/21/2025	6558	Deforest Windsor Fire	Fire Assessment	120-52200	\$ (4,160.42)
1/21/2025	6553	Inter Quest	IT service	118-51400	\$ (40.95)
1/21/2025	6554	Alliant Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (148.39)
1/21/2025	6556	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (70.66)
1/21/2025	6552	TNT Lawncare LLC	snow removal	122-53311	\$ (2,920.00)
1/21/2025	6566	Town of Leeds	Recycling Center	122-53631	\$ (6,000.00)
1/21/2025		Nhia Xiong, Cardinal Heating	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00
1/21/2025		Trapp, Cardinal Heating	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00
1/21/2025	6567	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (241.00)
1/21/2025	6568	city of columbus	ambulance fee	120-52300	\$ (1,816.21)
1/21/2025	6575	ABT Mailcom	tax mailings	118-51500	\$ (330.30)
1/21/2025	6576	Edwin Baerwolf	escrow refund	134-48900	\$ (10.00)
1/21/2025	6577	Braday Reigstad & Emily Buch	escrow refund	134-48900	\$ (201.21)

Hensen provided December minutes to F&M bank to support the cemetery CD and change in signature names.

There was discussion for online electronic payments vs. paper checks. Hensen checked with WTA and they suggested creating a Board policy to govern authorization for electronic payments. Hensen will develop a policy and bring it to the Board for approval at a later date.

**Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements - None**

**Chairman Report**

37,000 acres of land is identified for wind covering Ostego, Leeds, Lowville, Fall River and Hampden and surrounding areas. The wind station will be in Fall River. Forms will be sent to government agencies (FAA, DNR, etc) for approval. The final map should be available in April/May.

There is a Rio Fire & EMS meeting tomorrow. They will report on the status of assuming partial coverage of the Pardeeville area.  
after a month.

There are upcoming WTA annual meetings. Dahl and Hoffman will attend the in-person meeting in Beaver Dam on 3/29/25. Hensen will attend the online meetings on 3/17-3/18/25.

**Plan Commission** - The Columbia County zoning meeting on 1/7/25 approved the Sharpee zoning change. The Board received an amending County ordinance letter. Hensen will scan and email the Plan Commission.

**Other Business**

Related to the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act), the 2025 report will be available on the SLRF portal late March and due 4/30/25. There was an email dated 1/10/25 with additional guidance validating the reporting timeline and with updated FAQs. Hensen set up security access in preparation for reporting.

Recent notifications of grants were reviewed and deemed not applicable. The Wisconsin housing survey was completed on 1/20/25 with no new houses in 2024. Hoffman to complete the Farmland Preservation, which is due 3/1/25. There will be a primary election on 2/18/25 for State Superintendent.

Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Dahl seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Next Town Board Meeting – February 18, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the back room of the town hall.