

## Hampden Township

N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

Town of Hampden  
April 15th, 2025

### Town Board Meeting

#### **Agenda/Meeting Notice Posted -**

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

#### **Pledge of Alliance -**

Led by Chairman Tuschen

#### **Call to Order -**

Chairman Tuschen called the meeting to order at Call to Order at 5:32pm.

#### **Roll call -**

Town board members present - Chairman Tuschen, Supervisor Taylor Dahl, Supervisor Bill Hoffman, and Clerk Nanette Hensen. Treasurer Lori Toutant was not present. County Supervisor, Andrew Grove was also present.

#### **Zoning options -**

County supervisor, Andrew Grove, shared that the county will provide the option for towns to maintain their own zoning ordinances or stay with county zoning. Communications will be forthcoming.

#### **Official Oaths of Office for newly elected town officials -** Tuschen, Hoffman, Dahl, Hensen

#### **Minutes -**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report -** moved to next month.

**Payment of Bills -** Total of \$20,939.83 mainly related to road maintenance, town hall maintenance and utilities, election fees, Columbus ambulance fees, Wisconsin Towns Association dues and postage for mailing financials. Checks received totaling \$265.02.

Date	Ck.#	Name	Description	Account	Amount	Acct Desc
4/15/2025		Town of Fall River	Reimburse thei portion of Ele	118-51400	\$ 32.01	118-51400 – General administration
4/15/2025	6610	Alliant Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (93.57)	118-51600 – General buildings and plant
4/15/2025	6611	Wisconsin Towns Assoc	membership dues	118-51100	\$ (940.20)	118-51100 – Legislative
4/15/2025	6612	TNT Lawncare LLC	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (1,760.00)	122-53311 – Highway and street mainte
4/15/2025	6613	Inter Quest	IT service	118-51400	\$ (40.95)	118-51400 – General administration
4/15/2025	6614	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (87.55)	118-51600 – General buildings and plant
4/15/2025	6615	columbia county clerk's office	2025 Spring Election County	118-51400	\$ (1,632.57)	118-51400 – General administration
4/15/2025	6616	City of Columbus	Ambulance fee	120-52300	\$ (1,816.21)	120-52300 – Ambulance
4/15/2025		Jones-Ag Shed	Permit	105-44300	\$ 201.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti
4/15/2025	6617	Federal Processing	2025 SAM registration renew	118-51400	\$ (599.00)	118-51400 – General administration
4/15/2025	6618	Nanette Hensen	Treas/Clerk CNA Bond-pd cr	118-51500	\$ (170.00)	118-51500 – Financial Administration
4/15/2025	6619	madison media partners	spring primary capital newspa	118-51400	\$ (11.48)	118-51400 – General administration
4/15/2025	6620	TNS Snow Removal	snow plowing	118-51601	\$ (71.25)	118-51601 – Snow removal General buil
4/15/2025	6621	ABT Mailcom	mail 2024 financials	118-51500	\$ (382.15)	118-51500 – Financial Administration
4/15/2025		city of columbia	Reimburse thei portion of Ele	118-51400	\$ 32.01	118-51400 – General administration
4/15/2025	6622	Crombi Lawn Care LLC	Lawn service	118-51602	\$ (1,435.65)	118-51602 – Lawn care General building
4/15/2025	6623	Columbia County Hwy & Trans	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (11,593.25)	122-53311 – Highway and street mainte
4/20/2025	6624	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (175.00)	120-52400 – Inspection
4/20/2025	6625	columbia county clerk's office	Dog tags	105-44200	\$ (131.00)	105-44200 Non-business licenses

Dahl made a motion to authorize payments. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

- Financials sent at a cost of \$382.50.
- 2024 Department of Revenue Form CT Municipal Financial Report was filed 3/22/25.
- ARPA Expenditure Report was filed on 4/1/25 with the Columbus Fire Truck assessment and Town Shelter as basis for obligated funds.
- Hensen, clerk, will be on a temporary absence from the end of May to 1st week of June. Citizens to contact Dave Tuschen directly for immediate concerns during this time.
- Election equipment to be serviced at the end of May. Hoffman to pick up equipment from county since Hensen will be out.
- Hensen presented a cost analysis comparison of paper checks vs. electronic payments. Given bank fees associated with electronic payments, the town will continue to use the less expensive paper checks.

### **Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -**

There was a citizen complaint about water run-off and the Board will follow up with a site visit.

### **Chairman Report -**

- The town hall Crombie Lawncare contract was signed for this season.
- Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative contract was signed for 2025.
- For Memorial Day, the American Legion Post #62 will place flags for veterans in the Town cemetery for a donation of \$200 to cover this and last year. Going forward, the donation will be \$100 annually.
- Hoffman to follow-up with an inquiry from Town of Ostego about the Hall Road Cemetery clean-up.
- Hensen will post the Well Compensation and Well Abandonment Grant Programs notice on town sites for citizen awareness. Applications are due in August 2025.
- The Open Book will be held on Monday 5/12/25 10am-noon at the town hall.
- The Board of Review meeting will be held Tuesday 5/20/25 4-6pm at the town hall.
- Hensen will follow-up with Toutant for cyber security grant consideration.
- The Columbus fire department meeting was on April 4th at 7pm.
- Tuschen and Hoffman to attend Capitol Day 2025 hosted by WTA on 4/30/25.

### **Plan Commission -**

- Tuschen to follow-up regarding a county letter relating to a septic permit and ERN notification.

### **Road Maintenance -**

- 4/2/25 Road Tour results and potential road expenditures for 2025 were discussed. The Board will review past maintenance and further discuss next month.
- Town of Bristol Comprehensive Plan was sent to Scott Grove to review.
- The Board attended the County Highway commission April meeting. The county presented the annual work map. The Board discussed adding a request for spraying for wild parsnip.

### **Other Business -**

- Spring Election results for Town of Hampden 309 voters, 25 absentees, 5 new registrants
  - Superintendent - Brittany Kinser 146, Jill Underly 144
  - Justice of the Supreme Court - Brad Schimel 164, Susan Crawford 145
  - Court of Appeals Judge District 4 - Jennifer Nashold 204
  - Columbus School District Board Member - Martha Rule 136, Mike O'Brien 181
  - Fall River School District Board Member - Jeff Abegglen 3, Guy Robbins 3
  - Rio School District Board Member - Jordan Noyes 5, Keith Desjarlais 6
  - Sun Prairie School District Board Member - Colleen Uhlenkamp 12, Melissa Grayson 12, Amanda Davis 11, Issac Sung 8, Diana McFarland 7, Steve Schroeder 3

- State Referendum Yes 205, No 100
  - Columbus School District Referendum Yes 146, No 121
- The Board attended Board of Review Training in March.
- Plans for the new town Shelter are underway behind the town hall. The Board is collaborating with the contractor on the design and site.

Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

Next Town Board Meeting – May 20, 2025 at 6 pm (following the Board of Review Meeting) at the town hall.