

Town of Hampden – Board Meeting

Town Hall - N1291 County Highway N ~ Columbus, WI 53925 ~ Columbia

Mailing Address – N2455 County Road A, Columbus, WI 53925

June 17th, 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 and Clerk Nanette Hensen. Treasurer Lori Toutant was absent.

Citizens present - Jesse and Phil Long, Dennis and Cat Johnson, Jerry Crook, Tony Trapp, Kelly and Scott Ebert, Veronica and Gregory Keip, Ann Plata, and Steven Pederson.

Pledge of Alliance - Led by Chairman Tuschen.

Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -

- Citizens expressed their concerns regarding the Columbia Wind Farm.
- It was decided that a wind tower survey will be sent out to town residents to provide direction and feedback to the Board.
- In addition, the town is reviewing the potential of a wind tower ordinance and requested guidance from the town's attorney.
- Citizens will also contact their state representatives to express their concerns.

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

Treasurer's Report - Hoffman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Tuschen. Motion passes.

- Total Funds of \$419,878.17 (Checking Account \$10,351.14 and Government Pool Fund \$409,527.03),
- The Board decided to renew the cemetery CD of \$21,225.

Payment of Bills - Dahl made a motion to approve payments. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes.

- Request authorization to pay a total of \$19,284.31.

Date	Ck.#	Name	Description	Account	Amount	Acct Desc
6/17/2025	6633	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (27.40)	118-51600 – General buildings and plant
6/17/2025	6634	Alliant Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (104.56)	118-51600 – General buildings and plant
6/17/2025	6635	Bruce Gardiner Appraisal Servi	Assessment service	118-51500	\$ (1,650.00)	118-51500 – Financial Administration
6/17/2025	6636	Crombi Lawn Care LLC	Lawn service	118-51602	\$ (1,435.65)	118-51602 – Lawn care General buildings
6/17/2025	6637	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (660.00)	120-52400 – Inspection
6/17/2025		Belanger-permit	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspection
6/17/2025		Kraft-deck permit	Permit	105-44300	\$ 201.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspection
6/17/2025		Kendziora-deck permit	Permit	105-44300	\$ 201.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspection
6/17/2025		Ryan-Paramount Electric	Permit	105-44300	\$ 179.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspection
6/17/2025	6638	David Tuschen	1/2 year salary	118-51100	\$ (923.50)	118-51100 – Legislative
6/17/2025	6639	Taylor Dahl	1/2 year salary	118-51100	\$ (923.50)	118-51100 – Legislative
6/17/2025	6640	William Hoffman	1/2 year salary	118-51100	\$ (923.50)	118-51100 – Legislative
6/17/2025	6641	Lori Toutant	1/2 year salary	118-51500	\$ (2,539.63)	118-51500 – Financial Administration
6/17/2025	6642	Nanette Hensen	1/2 year salary	118-51400	\$ (5,079.25)	118-51400 – General administration
6/17/2025	6643	Nanette Hensen	Clerk expenses	118-51400	\$ (886.94)	118-51400 – General administration
6/17/2025	6644	Bill Toutant	1/2 year custodian	118-51600	\$ (600.00)	118-51600 – General buildings and plant
6/17/2025	6645	Mike Minick	cole cemetery cleanup	124-54910	\$ (2,250.00)	124-54910 – Cemetery
6/17/2025	6646	Lori Toutant	expenses	118-51500	\$ (373.00)	118-51500 – Financial Administration
6/17/2025	6647	Columbia County Hwy & Trans	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (907.38)	122-53311 – Highway and street maintena

Chairman Report -

- Park shelter status - Contractor is in process of obtaining permits.
- Rio Fire Department is seeking to purchase a used ambulance.
- Columbia County will be weed spraying over the next several weeks.
- Board members will attend the Columbia County Meeting on June 26th at 7pm.

Plan Commission -

- A Plan Commission meeting will be scheduled in July to discuss a potential wind tower ordinance and to review Prideview Acres rezoning.

Road Maintenance -

- Applications for Surface Transportation Program (STP) 2026-2031 due 10/31/25 - Chair Tuschen will complete.
- WISLR Local Road Certification and Pavement Ratings due 12/31/25 - Chair Tuschen will complete.

Other Business -

- 2030 US Census to start in 2027 with prep work to validate addresses by Hensen.
- Hensen is unable to attend Local Government Summit – AI, cyber security, and civic engagement June 19th, but will try to obtain the slide deck or meeting recording.
- Cemetery plots are currently \$200 per lot for town residents and \$450 per lot for non-town residents. There was discussion to increase the price comparable to other local cemeteries. The decision will be tabled to the annual meeting next year.
- The Board discussed business requirements and several bids for a Town Website. Hoffman made a motion to contract with Interquest. Dahl seconded. Motion passes. Hensen will meet with Interquest to start website development.

Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Dahl seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 703pm.

Next Town Board Meeting – July 15, 2025 at 5:30pm at the town hall.