

Town of Hampden Board Meeting October 21st, 2025
Hampden Town Hall - N1291 Cty Road N
Mailing Address - N2455 County Road A, Columbus WI 53925

Agenda/Meeting Notice Posted - Posted at the Hampden Town Hall, Leeds/Hampden Recycling Center and town's website <https://townofhampden.wi.gov>.

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, Clerk Nanette Hensen and Treasurer Lori Toutant. In addition, Citizens - Tony Trapp, Ann Plata, Beth Ann McKenzie, Steven Pederson, Greg and Veronica Keip were present.

Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Chairman Tuschen.

Citizen Comments/Correspondents/Announcements -

- Wind tower ordinance –
 - Reviewed and discussed wind tower ordinance -
 - Timing to pass ordinance during this meeting is critical since Alliant will submit sites in early November.
 - Amendments to follow
 - Ordinance language was adjusted from prior version to adhere to state laws as to not be subsequently overturned.
 - Citizen Noise concerns
 - state law not restrictive enough for noise
 - Per state law, noise is controlled by -
 - Setback 1250 feet or 3x height
 - Sound restrictions
 - Citizen can testify at Public Service Commission (PSC) Badger Hollow Wind Project to voice opinions and concerns
<https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/CommissionActions/CasePages/BadgerHollowWind.aspxto>
 - 2 changes -
 - Permit fee - \$500 per turbine
 - #7 Decommissioning - substitute state law 128.19 decommissioning language
 - Tuschen made a motion to approve the wind tower ordinance with the 2 changes. Seconded by Dahl. Hoffman abstains. Motion passes.
 - Wind tower task force
 - Members - Ann Plata, Tony Trapp, Greg Keip, Veronica Keip
 - Purpose is to review the wind tower ordinance more thoroughly and recommend amendments to the town board.
 - Volunteer positions
 - The task force will setup meetings and invite clerk to take notes.
 - Amendments will be reviewed during the November Board meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report - Dahl made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for October. Seconded by Hoffman. Motion passes. Total Funds as of September \$368,317.18 (Checking Account \$56,584.08 and Government Pool Fund \$311,733.10).

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

- Request authorization to pay a total of \$42,189.71.

Date	Ck.#	Name	Description	Account	Amount	Acct Desc	3dgt Categori
10/21/2025		Snow - pole shed permit	Permit	105-44300	\$ 710.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti	Building/Drive
10/21/2025		park shelter - town	Permit	105-44300	\$ 288.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti	Building/Drive
10/21/2025	6680	Scott Construction	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (33,000.00)	122-53311 - Highway and street maintai	Road Maintai
10/21/2025	6681	Ace Hardware	Supplies - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (93.12)	118-51600 - General buildings and plant	Town Hall Ex
10/21/2025	6682	Allian Energy	Electricity - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (125.26)	118-51600 - General buildings and plant	Town Hall Ex
10/21/2025	6683	Lange Enterprises	ERN sign	120-52609	\$ (75.62)	120-52609 - Emergency communicatio	Not Budget
10/21/2025	6684	Ace Hardware	Supplies - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (93.31)	118-51600 - General buildings and plant	Town Hall Ex
10/21/2025	6685	City of Columbus	ambulance fee	120-52300	\$ (1,816.21)	120-52300 - Ambulance	Ambulance P
10/21/2025	6686	MG&E	Gas - T Hall	118-51600	\$ (21.04)	118-51600 - General buildings and plant	Town Hall Ex
10/21/2025	6687	WTA membership - Scott Gro	Plan Commission	128-56900	\$ (120.00)	128-56900 - Other conservation and dev	Not Budget
10/21/2025		virgin-culvert permit	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti	Building/Drive
10/21/2025		schubert-driveaway permit	Permit	105-44300	\$ 58.00	105-44300 Building permits and inspecti	Building/Drive
10/21/2025	6688	GEC	Inspection Fee	120-52400	\$ (908.00)	120-52400 - Inspection	Inspections
10/21/2025	6689	Hampden-Leeds Disposal	Recycling Center	122-53631	\$ (3,000.00)	122-53631 - Solid waste disposal	Disposal
10/21/2025	6690	Columbia County Hwy & Tran	Road maintenance	122-53311	\$ (2,937.15)	122-53311 - Highway and street maintai	Road Maintai

- 2026 Preliminary Budget was reviewed.

- 2025 Levy \$199,969 is the same as last year.
- The Board reviewed breakdown of board expenses since unfavorable deviation the last 2 years.
- Increased election costs with 4 elections, increase hourly wage for poll workers, and election training
 - Planning several in-person election training for poll workers.
- Restricted funds - Columbus fire truck, park shelter (added costs for picnic tables, lighting and walkway) and additional town road maintenance.
- Upcoming November board meeting approvals - Budget, Levy, Memo of Understanding for WisVote Services.

Chairman Report -

- Hall road cemetery paperwork complete
- Columbus Fire Board meeting next Thursday to finalize budget
- Columbus ambulance contract finalized
- Pre-disaster Flood Resilience Grant does not apply
- Reviewed Town of Hampden Cemetery ordinance (to approve in November Board meeting).
- Locks added to closet within interior room to further secure election equipment
- Park shelter status
 - Likely to be completed this year
 - Added lighting and walkway from town hall building to shelter to provide for wheelchair access
- Tuschen and clerk signed 2025-2027 Bruce Gardiner Appraisal contract.
- Tile work needed to town hall entrance. Dahl will research contractors.

Plan Commission - None

Road Maintenance -

- Hoffman makes a motion to approve road ratings and miles. Seconded by Dahl. Motion passes.
- Wisconsin DOT general transportation aid \$124,114.80 for 2026.
- Columbia county bill reviewed.

Other Business - None

Dahl made a motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Next Town Board Meeting & Special Electors Meeting – November 18, 2025 at 5:30pm at the town hall.