

# Town of Hickory Grove Annual Meeting

## April 21, 2026

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gary Northouse at 6:00 pm, noting that meeting notice had been posted at the town shop and on the website.

Present at the meeting were Larry Schultz, George Gunderson, Tim Biba, Gary Northouse, Rhonda Gildersleeve, Al Wester, Sheila Ruchti and Scott Downs.

Gildersleeve motioned to approve the agenda. Biba seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes were passed out for everyone to read. A motion was made by Schultz to accept the minutes, seconded by Ruchti. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gunderson, and seconded by Biba to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Gildeesleeve made a motion to meet the \$2,000 County Road Fund with a matching \$2,000 from the county which was seconded by Gunderson. Motion carried.

Schultz made a motion to authorize the town board to borrow funds to run the town if necessary. Biba seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz to authorize the town board to spend the town funds as necessary. Gildersleeve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gildersleeve to authorize the town board to set the tax levy for town purposes in 2026, motion was seconded by Gunderson Motion carried.

Schultz said as long as Gardiner Appraisal has a two year contract until 2027, there would be no reason for a motion to accept them until after the contract is completed.

Old business:

Being Gardiner Appraisal was given a two year contract on October 2025 to proceed with a reevaluation, there was no discussion about looking into another assessor at this time.

New business:

Northouse explained the township's plans for road improvements coming up in 2026. Roads mention that will be included in the maintenance agenda are parts of Breezy Hill Road, Church Road, Sleepy Hollow Road, and Dry Hollow Road.

After a discussion on the board members salaries, Schultz motioned to raise the Chairman salary from the current rate of \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year, starting in April 2027. Down's seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Schultz also motioned to raise the supervisors salaries from the current rate of \$2,750 to \$3,000 per year. Down's seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Swenson was approved for a three -year -term to serve on the Comprehensive Planning Committee from a motion by Gunderson and seconded by Schultz. Motion carried.

Next annual meeting set for Tuesday, April 20th, 2027 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn by Biba to adjourn the meeting. Schultz seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

Allen Wester clerk