

Town of Hickory Grove

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026

Meeting was called to order by chairman Gary Northouse at 6:00 p.m. He noted that meeting notices were posted at the town shop and on the town website.

Present at the meeting were Rhonda Gildersleeve, Al Wester, Gary Klein, Tim Biba, Gary Northouse, Randal and Keith Nolte, Adam Reed (County Zoning), Sheila Ruchti, George Gunderson, Joel Fraizer and Briant Russell.

Reed explained the rezoning change required to build a school on the Keith Nolte farm to the Comprehensive Planning Commission Board (Tim Biba & Briant Russell) for approval. The zone change was from farmland preservation to Ag2. Nolte answered questions from the attendees and town board. After consideration of the change to Ag2, the Planning Commission Board members recommended to adopt the plan to the board.

Klein made a motion to adopt the zone change as described to build the school on the Nolte property. Guildersleeve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fraiser asked if the sealcoat prices were firm due to the rise in oil. Northouse assured that they were. Farhner had already purchased the oil for their projects for the year. Fraiser also asked about the washout at County T and Coon Valley Road.

Northouse said the patrolman has been doing a lot of road patching, and has a lot more to do.

The road trip for the board and patrolman was set up for May 15th at 9:00am from the town shop.

Wester gave an update on the two culverts in the state program for reconstruction. One on Homer Road at a cost of \$492,959.00 and the other on Larson Road at a cost of \$441,922.00. Jewell Engineering priced the projects and submitted the cost to the state. The state will award the contract in June.

Zoning permits for Samuel J Beiler, Samuel A & Naomi Stoltfus, and Leon Martin were submitted to the board for review and filing.

Deeds for sites at the Bethal Cemetery for Cory & Lisa Fritz and John and Dianne Shimpach were signed for the record.

A motion was made by Klein to keep fees for liquor licenses for Hickory Grove Golf Course the same at \$75.00 for class a beer, \$175.00 for liquor, \$20.00 for tobacco license, and \$5.00 for server. Motion seconded by Gildersleeve. Motion carried.

Next meeting set for Monday, June 15th, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Motion by Northouse to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gildersleeve. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Wester, clerk