

Town of Hickory Grove

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, June 15th, 2026

Meeting was called to order by chairman Gary Northouse at 6:10 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, Tim Biba, Gary Northouse, Sheila Ruchti, George Gunderson and Larry Schultz. Gary Klein was absent.

Motion made by Northouse to approve the agenda. Gildersleeve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

May minutes were distributed. Gildersleeve motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Northouse. Motion carried.

Outstanding bills payable were given to the board for review. Northouse motioned to accept the bills to be paid. Gildersleeve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Expenditures were reviewed, with no questions Northouse motion to accept the expenditures. Gildersleeve second the motion. Motion carried.

Biba asked about the spraying being done on the roadside, which brought up a complaint about spraying to close to land that is classified as organic. It was noted the board had no warning about property being organic. The land owner should report to the board/county of any such land.

The patrolman has been busy cutting trees, brush and patching.

Northouse went over the road trip the board did in May. Some of the things that need attention, if funds allow are: patching on Sand Hill Road; Zink Road needs work done on the hill portion of the road; Neff Road needs patching along with Golf Road.

Northouse explained the gift of approximate 3 acres of land gifted to the township by Donald and Michelle Gehrke. There was some discussion on reconstruction of the ground and possible future plans, starting with a new recycling /storage shed.

Northouse has been keeping updated with the county in reference to any data centers that could possible come into our area. There is nothing at this time and the county will be addressing this in the future.

The board decided to not charge a franchise fee for the TDS cable and video franchise fees by a motion from Northouse, and a second from Gildersleeve. Motion carried.

Wester gave the board a new cemetery plot placement graph to accommodate selling the graves one at a time for the Bethal Cemetery.

A motion was made by Northouse to accept the application from the Hickory Grove Golf and Country Club for the liquor license, along with their servers' applications. Motion seconded by Gildersleeve. Motion carried. Servers are Patricia Smith, Matthew Starr, Shannon Nugent, Brady Larson, Layton Molzof, Payton Kaufman, Heather Norsby and Kaydin Thiele.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, July 21st, 2026 at 6:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Wester, clerk