

Town of Hickory Grove
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 4th, 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, Tim Biba, Gary Northouse, George Gunderson, Larry Schultz, Gary Klein, and Al Wester.

Motion made by Gildersleeve to accept the agenda as presented. Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July minutes were distributed. Northouse motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Klein. Motion carried.

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

Expenditures 18601-18626 were reviewed, with no questions, Gildersleeve motion to accept the expenditures. Klein second the motion. Motion carried.

There was no citizens' input.

Northouse reported on work the patrolman has been doing, getting ready for seal-coating and cleaning up from storm damage were among his most important accomplishments.

After discussion of the new location at the quarry, Gildersleeve motion to purchase self-standing fencing panels that are 24" by 6' at a price of \$410 per panel. Two 12' gates will also need to be purchased. Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried. Northouse said the county is stepping up the process to get the zoning permit and fire sign to us, so the town can proceed with the building project.

There was a sensor on the new truck that failed on a road test. This has been fixed and delivery expected on August 5th. The billing of \$129,795.00 which had additional costs for Air Controls, heavy duty pintle hitch, and side boards was approved with a motion by Northouse and seconded by Gildersleeve. Motion carried.

Wester had talked with the current building inspector, the county zoning department, and the county clerk for prospects of replacing our current building inspector, no one supplied suggestions. Northouse and Wester will call other townships to find out who they are using.

Zoning permits for Larry Schultz, Daniel Swarey, and Jim Frank were viewed by the board for filing.

The Department of Transportation has approved replacing the bridge on Larson Road in the amount of \$441,922.00. The state will pay \$397,729.80 and the town will need to pay \$44,192.20. The contract was approved with a motion from Klein, second from Gildersleeve. Motion carried.

For the culvert on Larson Road (not the one in LSSIP), the town board is now looking at the county doing the work instead of the state. This would cut the town's cost by half.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 6:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Wester, clerk