

Town of Hickory Grove

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 8th, 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, Scott Downs, Tim Biba, Gary Northouse, George Gunderson, Larry Schultz, Gary Klein, and Al Wester.

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

July minutes were distributed. Northouse motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Gildersleeve. 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 18631-18650 were reviewed, with no questions. Northouse motioned to accept the expenditures. Gildersleeve seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were comments made on how well the patrolman is doing with the roadside mowing.

Northouse reported on work the patrolman has been doing. Road side mowing and cutting brush was among the task being done.

Northouse brought the board up to date on the new recycling sight. The fence material for recycling has been purchased and is ready to install. The plan is to block the West entrance with boulders, and use boulders and a chain to secure the East entrance. Northouse has received one building quote and waiting for a few more. The plan is to have the sight ready by October 1st for October 6th pick up.

The plan for replacement of the box culvert entering Larson Road is complete. The board plans for the box culvert to be completed in 2027, but may go into 2028. With the state doing the work, the timeline is unsure.

The inter culvert is on hold as far as the State doing the project. Due to budgeting, the culvert may be done by the county at a much lower cost. The timeline for the county may be 2028.

We have not had any response from building inspectors that would take our township at this time. For budget purposes, the board suggested we cut gravel cost to \$5000. The board increased the patrolman's wage by \$1000 a year.

Zoning for Hickory Grove Township: Isreal & Susan Hertzler and Keith Nolt were reviewed by the board for filing.

Wester let the board know of the rising expenses from the State being occurred for the Sleepy Hollow Bridge. To this date, the bridge cost is \$59,600.00. The board needs to look at borrowing money to cover this expense and expenses for setting up the new recycling site.

The International truck is for sale. For now, it is parked along Highway 61 in Fennimore. Discussion about putting the truck on Facebook Marketplace as another option.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 at 6:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Wester, clerk

