Town of Hickory Grove
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 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, and Gary Klein,

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

September 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 18651-18669 were reviewed, with no questions. Klein motion to accept the expenditures. Gildersleeve second the motion. Motion carried.

Gildersleeve reported on the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting she attended in Lancaster. A report from the county on the lSSIP small bridge grants were explained with the costs for the inspection of the bridges. Hickory Grove portion of the bridge inspections was $2340 which was paid by the state. The county said county Road T is scheduled for repairs in 2028.

The patrolman has been grading and trimming trees. It was also reported that a culvert on Johnson Road failed. The county has been notified, and will do the repairs on a 50/50 cost.

The 2026 budget summary review was looked at by the town board and Wester answered any questions that were asked.

Northouse quoted some bids he had received from two bidders for the new building at the recycling site. There still needs to be an equal comparison between the two bidders before any decisions can be made. If he can get the bids equal, he may call a special meeting to present them to the board.

Wester had confirmed there was a new building inspector that will take the Town of Hickory Grove as their client. Josh Copsey, employed by General Engineering Company from Portage, WI. Copsey serves other local cities and townships in the area. A draft from General Engineering for a new Wisconsin Uniform Building permit ordinance, a description of the company history and the agreement of their inspection services with costs were given to the town board for review in order to act on the hiring of the company at the next meeting in November. Copsey was asked to attend the November meeting to meet him and ask any questions the board may have before accepting their services.

The proposed 2027 budget was reviewed by the town board. The only change was to look at a little larger loan to cover cost for the shed at the recycling site. It was noted this larger loan would not affect the taxes at all. Any extra payment would be made up from cutting another expense.

There has been some interest in the sale of the truck, but nothing for sure to date.
Discussion was to put the truck on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction, and put on a minimum sale amount at $50,000.
Gildersleeve motioned to locate a small structure for the recycling workers to be able to get out of the bad weather. Motioned second by Klein. Motion carried.
The budget hearing is set for November 17th 2026 at 5:30 before the regular town meeting.
Zoning permits for Steve and Lori Barry, and Samuel and Susan Beiler were reviewed by the board and Biba, a comprehensive planning member.
The town board asked to check on a $150,000 loan instead of a $120,000 loan that was reported to them.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 at 6:00pm.
Motion by Klein to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gildersleeve. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully summitted,

Allen Wester, clerk