

TOWN OF COLUMBUS MEETING MINUTES – September 8, 2025

Chairman Schroeder called the Town of Columbus Board meeting to order on Monday evening, September 8, 2025, at 7:01 p.m. Present were Supervisors Ed Wolf and Harold Schwoerer, Clerk Gabrielle Loeffler, Treasurer Cindy Miller, and attendees from the community as follows: Steve Schey, Paula Taylor, Gerard Schuster, Lawrence & May Lins, Lori Schwoerer, Paul Wolfe, JoAnne Thiede, John Loeffler, Gina & Neil Schoenherr, Marilyn & Ken Clevenger, Jerome & Audrey Kasminski, Mark & Margaret Piekarski, Chris Hayes, Arlene Senhenn, Terry Kasminski, Donnie Bleich, Brian Gilbertson, Barbara Refisneider, Jim Greiling, Don B, Frank & Peggy Liska, Joe G, Karen Womack, Brian Zittel, Jeff Zittel, Jim Knutson, Scott & Kelly Ebert, Bret Weiland.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Schroeder stated the Town Meeting agenda had been posted in three places. Supervisor Wolf motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

Minutes of the August 11, 2025 Town Board Meeting were read. Supervisor Schwoerer motioned to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Wolf seconded; Abstained by Chairman Schroeder; motion carried.

Treasurer Cindy Miller reported as of August 31, 2025, total Town Money was \$615,566.97.

August invoices totaling \$25,560.99 were presented for payment. Supervisor Schwoerer motioned to approve the invoices as presented; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- ◆ Crack filling Arnold and Bristol Rd and seal coating complete.
- ◆ Recycling Center- had a load of gravel brought in and spread to try to fill the holes before winter.
- ◆ DNR approved ditches on Weiner Rd.
- ◆ Highway Municipal meeting is scheduled for 10/2 at 10am.
- ◆ Firetruck update- cost approximately \$536,000 for the Rural Fire Group portion and is set for delivery March/April 2026.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer motioned to approve the Application for a Field Entrance Permit for Darren Schroeder, W1512 State Rd. 60; Supervisor Wolf seconded; Abstained by Chairman Schroeder; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the Town of Columbus Wind Energy Systems Ordinance; Supervisor Wolf seconded; Abstained by Chairman Schroeder; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the Notice to Bid for Town Assessor publication; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Wolf received inquiries from residents looking to be able to make their property tax payments at Farmers & Merchant's Bank. Cindy will follow up with F&M Bank and the County regarding setting up this option.
- ◆ Supervisor Schwoerer made a motion to approve the Farmland Preservation land use maps; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ 2026 Town Budget preparation is underway.
- ◆ Public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a motion from Supervisor Wolf and seconded by Supervisor Schwoerer; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Gabrielle Loeffler, Clerk – September 14, 2025