

TOWN OF COLUMBUS MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2026

Chairman Schroeder called the Town of Columbus Board meeting to order on Monday evening, June 8, 2026, at 7 p.m. Present were Chairman Darren Schroeder, Supervisors Ed Wolf and Harold Schwoerer, Clerk Gabrielle Loeffler, Treasurer Cindy Miller, and attendees from the community as follows: Gerard Schuester, Vicki Schulze, Paula & Craig Taylor, Steve Schey, Mike Meyers, Damon Stier, Paul & Joann Thiede, Jim Loppnow, Steve Taylor, Barb Reifsnider, Gina Schoenherr, Jacqui Lazzaroni, Donnie Bleich & Terry Kasmiski.

Chairman Schroeder stated the Town Meeting agenda had been properly noticed. Supervisor Schwoerer motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Supervisor Wolf seconded; motion carried.

Minutes of the May 11, 2026 Town Board Meeting were read. Supervisor Schwoerer motioned to approve the minutes as read; Supervisor Wolf seconded; Chairman Schroeder abstained; motion carried.

Treasurer Cindy Miller reported as of May 31, 2026, total Town Money was \$593,806.02.

April invoices totaling \$38,177.91 were presented for payment. Supervisor Wolf motioned to approve the invoices as presented; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN:

- ◆ Scott Schalak called and was referred to County planning & zoning to answer questions.
- ◆ Rural Fire group nominated John Krause & Darren Schroeder to start contract negotiations for the city and rural fire group that expires in January 2027.
 - Requesting to use an equalized value rather than a 50/50 split.
 - Current contract is 10-year; looking at a 5-year contract with a 5-year option.
 - New truck will arrive shortly, in Indiana now.

SUPERVISOR I:

- ◆ Board of Review – assessor informed us that we are at 63% now.
- ◆ Reminder that June 29th the cycling event will take place on Duborg Road.

SUPERVISOR II:

- ◆ Alliant will be at the County Meeting with an update on June 17, 2026.
- ◆ We should consider writing a moratorium on the data centers, Town of Hampden did so.
- ◆ Spring cleaning was underway, garbage in 3 different places.
- ◆ There is a planning and zoning meeting in Fall River on June 24, 2026, there is a request for an annexed property for a data center on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the drafted Township Fee Schedules; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; Discussion included who will implement; Chairman Schroeder voted no; motion carried.
- ◆ Supervisor Wolf made a motion for the clerk to obtain a cell phone plan for board members; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried. Chairman stated he doesn't need one.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Email options for board members have been tabled; what is currently being used will no longer be available starting March of 2027, will continue to research additional provider options.
- ◆ Supervisor Wolf made a motion to approve the Ordinance Relating to Confidentiality of Income and Expense Records; Supervisor Schwoerer seconded; motion carried.

- ◆ Chairman Schroeder made a motion to approve the 2026 Liquor License and Operator License applications for Club 60; Supervisor Wolf seconded; Supervisor Schwoerer abstained; motion carried.
- ◆ Insurance renewal and recommendations were tabled; the clerk will obtain additional quotes for review at next month's meeting.
- ◆ Road projects bids tabled for review at next month's meeting.
- ◆ Public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. with a motion from Chairman Schroeder and seconded by Supervisor Wolf; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Gabrielle Loeffler, Clerk – June 14, 2026.