

Hopkins Village Council
Hopkins Village Hall
Franklin St. Hopkins, MI 49328
Regular Meeting Minutes: 8/10/2026 @ 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

- a. Present: E. Porter, B. Williams, B. Ebenstein, T. Kennedy, N. Price, D. Westhouse, D. Buist, N. Pawloski, D. Hyatt
- b. Absent:
- c. Guests: J. Stafford, G. Castello, Residents of Oak Lane Apartments

4. Agenda Presentation - Buist motioned to approve agenda as presented, Porter supported.

5. Review of Minutes

- a. 7/13/2026 Regular Council Meeting - Williams motioned to minutes as amended, Pawloski supported.

6. Financial Report - Pawloski motioned to approve financial report as presented, Buist supported.

7. Bills - Pawloski motioned to approve bills as presented, Ebenstein supported.

8. Commissioner's Report - None

9. Agency Reports

- a. Fireboard (Reps: *Ben Williams, Nick Pawloski*) - 7/21/2026 - 350 calls for July 2026, shooter training at school, upcoming EMT class, Wyatt Frank is leaving, overheard door issues waiting on quote.
- b. Library Board (Reps: *Dave Hyatt*) - No July meeting.
- c. DDA (Reps: *Dawn Buist, Tabitha Kennedy*) - No July meeting.
- d. Hopkins Hometown Celebrations (*Brandon*) - 8/2/2026 - Starting to plan for Vikings Day on October 10, 2026, Angie is going to be the new president.
- e. Personnel Committee (*Dawn, Eric, Nick*) - No July meeting.

10. Public Comment - Amanda Harrington (resident for 8 years) - Oak Lane Apartments - Year-Round boil water issues - residents have been told apartments need a new well. Residents aren't aware of when chlorinating is happening. Residents are forced to purchase their own water. Seeking assistance from the council to help encourage management to make repairs, oversee repairs, and help organize a water drive. Residents have reached out to the county without help.

11. Old Business

- a. 203 Baker Street Invoice - Reached out again. \$1,425.60 Williams motions to put invoice \$1,425.60 as a lien on summer taxes, Buist supported.
- b. Ordinance Book Revision - Met with Lori Castello, Need planning commission.
- c. Accounting Software Cutover and Upgrade - Work in progress.
- d. Charter Commission Update - J. Vanderwall accepted, E. Alberda and J. Vanderwall are working together.
- e. Oak Lane Apartment Weeds - Letter Sent.

12. Maintenance Report - Business as usual. Shelves got put up. The garage door got replaced. Regular maintenance performed. Waiting on quote for pump.

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13. Public Comment - None.

14. New Business

- a. 117 Cherry Street Sidewalk Damage - Well driller (Koops) cracked sidewalk, Williams is going to request Koops send reimbursement for sidewalk. Buist motions for Williams to contact Koop to send compensation for 117 Cherry Street sidewalk damage, Hyatt supported.
- b. Rehmann Invoice amount - Buist motions to send contract, invoices, and itemized summary to Seth (attorney) to look over for 1 hour and give advice.

15. Public Comment

16. Around the Table E. Porter - None. B. Williams - Oak Lane Apartments - we may be at the states mercy when it comes to the quality of water; Rigs & Coffee - fall is coming, communication. B. Ebenstein - None. T. Kennedy - None. N. Price - None. D. Westhouse - None. D. Buist - wants someone to talk to the village police officer about people smoking pot at the north park. N. Pawloski - None. D. Hyatt - None.

17. Adjournment - Pawloski motions to adjourn, Williams supported. 8:45pm.