

Hopkins Village Council
Hopkins Village Hall
Franklin St. Hopkins, MI 49328
Regular Meeting Minutes: 7/13/2026 @ 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

- a. Present: D. Hyatt, N. Pawloski, D. Buist, D. Westhouse, N. Price, T. Kennedy, B. Ebenstein, B. Williams, E. Porter
- b. Absent:
- c. Guests: J. Stafford, G. Castello, B. Castello, C. Burnett, S. Beltman

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

5. Review of Minutes

- a. 6/8/2026 Regular Council Meeting - Williams motioned to approve minutes as amended, Buist supported.

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

7. Bills - Williams motioned to approve the bills as presented, Porter supported.

8. Commissioner's Report - Scott Beltman - Approved bond for remodel of medical building near Dumont Lake, construction has started and should be completed around the end of 2027. ~11 Million dollar upgrade paid through millage. Soil Conservation District has been asking for their millage to be put back on the ballot, approved to be on ballot in November.

9. Agency Reports

- a. Fireboard (Reps: *Ben Williams, Nick Pawloski*) - Going to quarterly meetings starting in September. Hired 2 new fire fighters. Fire fighter Frank is resigning.
- b. Library Board (Reps: *Dave Hyatt*) - Budget for next year includes an increase of \$1,000 from Laketon.
- c. DDA (Reps: *Dawn Buist, Tabitha Kennedy*) - Final payment for playground equipment, Kerber to meet with someone to finalize the basketball court, Barb Bennett and Joe Russo asked to join DDA.
- d. Hopkins Hometown Celebrations (*Brandon*) - excellent 4th of July! Vikings day is coming in October. HHC taking over the car show next year. Megan and Wyatt resigning from the HHC committee.
- e. Personnel Committee (*Dawn, Eric, Nick*) - Worked on schedule for Crossing Guards. Appointing Dave Hyatt as head of Crossing Guards. The Personnel Committee is looking to adopt Standard Operating Procedures for the President, Treasurer, Clerk, and DPW.

10. Public Comment - Chris Burnett, district judge for Allegan County. On the CCAB, a recent graduate was able to get his GED. Recently got funding for pre trial services which will allow for check-ins.

11. Old Business

- a. 203 Baker Street Invoice - Ben is going to reach out. If she doesn't pay by October 1, 2026 we will bring it to the county to apply it to 203 Baker St winter taxes.

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- b. Allegan County L-4029 Letter & Resolution - Williams motioned to approve resolution 2026-04, Porter supported. Roll Call: Porter, yes. Williams, yes. Ebenstein, yes. Price, yes. Buist, yes. Pawloski, yes. Hyatt, yes.
- c. Ordinance Book Revision - Met with Lori Castello, Need planning commission
- d. Accounting Software Cutover and Upgrade - Officers have submitted data to Clete.

12. Maintenance Report - See Attached. Williams motioned to get at least 2 quotes for a new pump and have Kennedy Industries evaluate, Pawloski supported. Eric Alberda is requesting a medical leave. Porter motioned to allow Eric Alberda to take time off for up to 8 weeks beginning August 26 with pay (up to his maximum amount of vacation time) and to allow him light duty work upon his return to work until his medical care providers clear him for full work duties. The Village of Hopkins will hold his job and position, Ebenstein supported.

13. Public Comment - None

14. New Business

- a. **Jon Vanderwall Charter Commission Consultant Appointment** - Buist motioned to approve the Charter Commission Consultant Appointment, Pawloski supported.
- b. **Treasurer, Clerk, President, and Trustee Job Description** - Buist motioned to approve the job descriptions for the Treasurer, Clerk, President, and Trustee job descriptions, Ebenstein supported.
- c. **Crossing Guard Appointments** - Buist motioned to approve hiring of substitute crossing guards and appointing Dave Hyatt as the head of the Crossing Guards, Porter supported.

15. Public Comment - Stafford, did you hire the custodian? Yes.

16. Around the Table - Porter, park looks good. Williams, positive sample in the well. Will get bills from Kraai. Quote from Methodist church parking lot. Obnoxious weeds complaint. Ebenstein, none. Kennedy, none. Price, anonymous complaints: clean up has taken place, minimum complaint/resolved. Lafayette Creamery, sign moved. Buist motioned to not accept any complaints unless name and contact information. Hyatt supported. Westhouse, none. Buist, fill out your nomination petition and affidavit. Pawloski, community watch has been going well. Hyatt, none.

17. Adjournment - Pawloski motioned to adjourn, Buist supported. 8:48pm.