

CITY OF HANCOCK COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025  
HANCOCK CITY HALL, 399 QUINCY STREET

**Regular Meeting - 6:00 P.M.**

Call to order and pledge of allegiance

Roll Call and verification of quorum

Present: Councilors Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Woodbeck, Lounibos

Absent: Warstler

**Also present:** Mary Babcock, Linda Kalinec, John Zurcher, John Erickson, Tami Sleeman, Michael Markham, Susan Burack, Thomas Fournier, Garrett Neese, and other members of the public.

Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to excuse Councilor Warstler from tonight's meeting.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Motion by Councilor Woodbeck and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment**

- Susan Burack – Scott Building – Commented on recycling, encouraging Hancock residents to recycle.

**Communication**

Department of Treasury – Qualifying Statement Acknowledgement

Department of Treasury – Form 5572

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Woodbeck to accept and place on file the communications received.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

**Review and acceptance of meeting minutes**

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Blau to accept and place on file as presented, the DDA Regular Meeting minutes of December 2, 2024.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

### **Review and approval of City Council meeting minutes**

Motion by Councilor Woodbeck and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve and place on file the City Council Regular Meeting minutes of December 18, 2024, and the City Council Closed Session Meeting minutes of December 18, 2024, as presented.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

### **Administrative Reports**

City Manager, Babcock gave an update on the following:

- Transit survey study is underway, and residents should be receiving soon. There will be 2 open house events on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, one at Heritage Manor and one at Lakeview Manor.
- HEIKINPÄIVÄ 2025 begins Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 224 Quincy St. asbestos removal has started.
- Laurin-Grove ice rink is open.
- Bridgefest – June 12-15, 2025, they are looking for sponsors.
- Open Skating session at HoCo Arena, adult only open skating times have been added.
- Cold Season Tori Market has started.
- Ariens are testing snow blowers on the ball fields and at the campground.
- Seasonal Sexton position has been posted.
- DDA held the sledding party on Quincy Green Hill from 2-4 on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- PLWSA board member Stan Vitton is retiring.
- ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) to meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm regarding 300 Dunstan St.
- Barnelopt Annual Ski Event will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> on the Maasto Hiihto trails.

Police Chief, Sleeman gave an update on the following:

- 2024 statistics - issued 200 traffic tickets; 1100 warnings; 144 parking tickets; responded to 174 accidents and 2000 calls.
- Thank you to Glad Tidings church for their police appreciation event and for providing new medical bags for each vehicle.
- Currently conducting interviews with Police Academy candidates.
- February 1<sup>st</sup> is the Pigs 'N Heat hockey event.

DPW Director, Erickson gave an update on the following:

- DPW crew is busy plowing snow.
- HoCo Arena rentals are going well.

Clerk/Treasurer, Kalinec gave an update on the following:

- Working on year-end payroll, W2s and 1099s will go out soon.

### **New Business**

1. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Woodbeck to approve the current accounts payable in the amount of \$323,845.64.

Roll Call

Yes: Lounibos, Woodbeck, Rickard, Givens, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Lounibos to approve to close the Water RRI Account at Superior National Bank ending in 4965.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Woodbeck, Lounibos

No: None

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Councilor Woodbeck and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve of OHM Advisors 2025 Miscellaneous Services agreement.

Roll Call

Yes: Lounibos, Woodbeck, Rickard, Givens, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Woodbeck to approve reintroduction of Ordinance 313 Water & Sewer Ordinance to amend chapters 51,52 and 54.

Sec. 51.056 - Can we remove the reference to specific chemical limits and refer to the authority's document for this information?

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Woodbeck, Lounibos

No: None

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Councilor Lounibos and seconded by Councilor Woodbeck to approve the date of March 5, 2025 to schedule a joint meeting of the DDA, Planning, and City Council.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Woodbeck to approve Resolution 25-01 the Hancock Transit FY 2026 Resolution of Intent to apply for state formula operating assistance for the FY 2026.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Councilor Blau and seconded by Councilor McKenzie to approve MJO Contracting Inc. final payment application 9 in the amount of \$14,368.36 to complete the 2022 Sewer Improvement project.

Roll Call

Yes: Lounibos, Woodbeck, Rickard, Givens, McKenzie, Blau

No: None

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Woodbeck to enter into Closed Session at 6:43 p.m. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act MCL15.268(1)(d) to consider the purchase of real property.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried

Returned to Open Session at 7:13 p.m.

9. Motion by Councilor Woodbeck and seconded by Councilor Blau to approve to purchase the garage at 395 Franklin Street property at the price agreeable to the Hancock Public Schools.

Roll Call

Yes: Blau, McKenzie, Givens, Rickard, Woodbeck, Lounibos

No: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment** – None

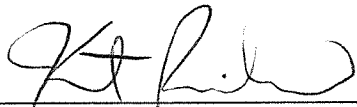
Time was provided for council members to promote, discuss and/or comment on items not on the agenda.

Motion by Councilor McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Givens to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

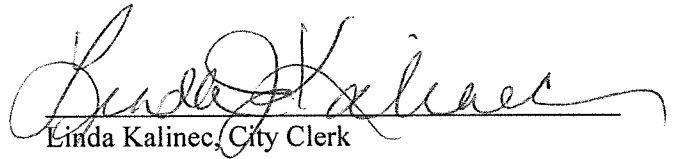
Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried



Kurt Rickard, Mayor



Linda Kalinec, City Clerk

Michigan Department  
Of Transportation  
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**FY 2026 RESOLUTION OF INTENT**

*The approved resolution of intent to apply for state formula operating assistance for fiscal year 2026 under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended.*

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), it is necessary for the Hancock, City of (hereby known as THE APPLICANT) established under Act 279 to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 2026 and, therefore, apply for state financial assistance under provisions of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the governing body, to name an official representative for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during the past state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the performance indicators have been reviewed and approved by the governing body.

WHEREAS, THE APPLICATION , has reviewed and approved the proposed balance (surplus) budget, and funding sources of estimated federal funds \$ 54,911 estimated state funds \$ 93,316 estimated local funds \$ 156,832 with total estimated expenses of \$ 305,059

(Note: Local funds include fare box and any other local revenue)

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that THE APPLICANT hereby makes its intentions known to provide public transportation services and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual plan, in accordance with Act 51; and

HEREBY, appoints Mary Babcock as the Transportation Coordinator, for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51 for 2026

I, Linda Kalinec (Name) Clerk  
(Secretary/Clerk) of THE Applicant , having custody of the records and proceedings of THE APPLICANT, does hereby certify that I have compared this resolution adopted by THE APPLICANT at the meeting of January 15 , 2024 with the original minutes now on file and of record in the office and that this resolution is true and correct.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed seal of said City , this 15 day of January A.D 20 25

SIGNATURE Linda Kalinec