

Town of New Hope
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 7:00 PM
North New Hope Church, 845 County Rd. T N

Board members present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Timm Raddatz, and Ray Reser. Also present: Dorene Stolpa - Treasurer, Pat Zellmer – Clerk, John Olson and Greg Rowe.

1. Call to order

Chairman Knepfel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review of Minutes

Minutes from the April 2023 regular board meeting were distributed to the board members. Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve as printed, Supervisor Reser seconded. Motion carried.

3. Persons Addressing the Board

John Olson and Greg Rowe (representing Our Savior's Lutheran Church Cemetery).

4. Our Savior (Trout Creek Rd.) Cemetery Care Proposal

Greg Rowe and John Olson provided a map of the existing cemetery. Discussion of boundaries, grave sites (existing and potential), transfer of ownership, and future use and maintenance ensued. Because the map may not be accurate and is not to scale, Supervisor Raddatz suggested that the Board meet Mr. Rowe and Mr. Olson at the cemetery to resolve any questions regarding borders, plots, etc. for future reference. Lawn care and spring/fall cleanup were discussed; mowing will be continued by the Church until the transfer of property to New Hope is completed, at which time the Board will take over, compensated as appropriate. Supervisor Reser offered to mow once the transfer is complete. He also recommended that a copy of the map be provided to the State Office of Compliance. The Board will meet Mr. Rowe and Mr. Olson at the cemetery at 6:15 p.m., June 21, 2023, prior to the June town meeting.

5. Amendment to Town Budget (2023) to include ARPA fund designation.

An amended 2023 budget was presented to the Board to detail use of \$20,000 ARPA funds for snowplowing, in addition to the vote tabulator (\$8000) already allocated for ARPA funds. Discussion about how to use remaining ARPA funds ensued. See the last page of these minutes for pertinent details from the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury Final Rule. Treasurer Stolpa noted that the entire grant (\$76,931.38) was deposited in the Town's general account in two payments of \$38,465.69 each (June 25, 2021 and June 20, 2022).

Per the Treasury's Final Rule, the balance of the grant must be earmarked in our budget for specific projects by December 2024, and spent by December 2026. An amended 2023 budget to allocate the balance (\$48,931.38) for road repairs will be presented to the Board at the June Regular Meeting.

6. Road Report.

Chair Knepfel reported on roads most in need of repair; discussion ensued. Starting with gravel roads: Nelson Rd., Bestul Dr., Stoltenberg Rd., Gullickson Rd., and possible turnaround on Mizia Rd. B&B Paving and Glodowski Construction provided estimates which were approved 'as is.'

Necessary chipseal repairs: Koziczkowski Ln., Kozelek Rd., Linden Rd., Stolten Dr. Those four select roads were approved for Scott Construction. Noah Swenson continues work on tree removal and brushing.

7. Payment of bills

Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve paying the bills totaling \$12,521.39 for May, Chair Knepfel seconded. Motion carried.

8. New business

- A Planning Commission meeting was held to approve a proposal for land use map amendment on Krogwold Rd. (<20 acres = A-2 zoning) with a Public Hearing for that property scheduled at the start of the next town meeting. Chair Knepfel signed the resolution to change the map. A 30-day notice has been posted.
- Planning Commission per diem (other than Board Members) was changed from \$30 to \$40 per meeting. Supervisor Reser motioned, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz; motion carried.
- Supervisor Reser reported that archaeological monitoring was added as a condition for the Board of Adjustment variance at 10048 Arrowhead Road, with a planned excavation start of 2024. BOA approved.
- Discussion of Alliant Energy bill for Town Hall ensued (approx. \$200 annual).
- Supervisor Reser will get estimates for necessary roof repairs of the Town Hall. This will be on next month's agenda.
- Town Hall lawn maintenance will be taken over by Supervisor Reser, paid as a Highway Run for each occurrence.

9. Next meeting

A Public Hearing for a zoning change in land use for 10058 Krogwold Rd. (Zachery Kranski) is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at the Town Hall.

The next regular Town Board meeting will follow.

The Board will meet with Rowe and Olson at Our Savior Cemetery at 6:15 PM prior to the Town Meeting.

10. Adjournment.

Supervisor Raddatz motioned to adjourn; Supervisor Reser seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

ARPA/SLFRF (American Rescue Plan Act/State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds)
NEU and Non-UGLGs Agreements and Supporting Documents User Guide:
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/NEU-Non-UGLG-Agreements-and-Supporting-Documents.pdf>

Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule
<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>

P9: DETERMINING REVENUE LOSS: Recipients have two options for how to determine their amount of revenue loss. Recipients must choose one of the two options and cannot switch between these approaches after an election is made.

OUR CHOICE: 1. Recipients may elect a “standard allowance” of \$10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance. Under this option, which is newly offered in the final rule Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.”

The standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss, particularly for SLFRF’s smallest recipients. All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance instead of calculating lost revenue using the formula below, including those with total allocations of \$10 million or less.

Electing the standard allowance does not increase or decrease a recipient’s total allocation.

P11. SPENDING ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Recipients can use SLFRF funds on government services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the above approach. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. Here are some common examples, although this list is not exhaustive:

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| ✓ Construction of schools and hospitals | ✓ Environmental remediation |
| ✓ Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure | ✓ Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles) |
| ✓ Health services | |
| ✓ General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities | |

Government services is the most flexible eligible use category under the SLFRF program, and funds are subject to streamlined reporting and compliance requirements. Recipients should be mindful that certain restrictions, which are detailed further in the Restrictions on Use section and apply to all uses of funds, apply to government services as well.

p42. Under the SLFRF, funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021. Further, costs must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

P43. Funds available under the “revenue loss” eligible use category (sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act) generally may be used to meet the non-federal cost-share or matching requirements of other federal programs.

SLFRF funds beyond those that are available under the revenue loss eligible use category may not be used to meet the non-federal match or cost-share requirements of other federal programs, other than as specifically provided for by statute.