

**MINUTES**  
**ANNUAL TOWN OF NEW HOPE MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North**

Members present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Supervisors Timm Raddatz and Ray Reser  
Also present: Treasurer Dorene Stolpa, Clerk Pat Zellmer, Steven Ellingboe, Rhonda Fechter,  
Susan Groshek, Tony Kostuch, Liz Langer, Pat Ludeman, Tom Weaver

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Knepfel called the annual town board meeting to order at 6:38, opening the meeting by leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Review/Approval of Annual Town of New Hope Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting (April 18, 2023) were emailed to board members prior to the meeting; hard copies were distributed at the meeting. Steven Ellingboe moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Susan Groshek. Motion carried.

**3. Reading of the Town of New Hope 2023 Financial Report**

Clerk Pat Zellmer provided copies of the 2023 Financial Report. Chairman Knepfel asked for questions. The mill rate remained the same. Expenditures remained the same. Motion to accept the report as written was made by Susan Groshek. Motion carried (all in favor, none opposed).

**4. Persons who wish to address the Board**

Susan Groshek reported on an excessive use of explosives and firearms along Trout Creek Road near South New Hope Church (property owners: Keith and Gary Shanklin). Town of New Hope does not have a fire arms or noise ordinance. Any ordinances, if written, would be enforced by the Board. Supervisor Reser will contact the Sheriff.

The boat landing sign and the DNR boar regulations sign on Rheinart Lake were damaged. The County Highway Department and DNR will be contacted.

Liz Langer reported that Stolten Drive was not plowed several times over the course of the winter. Any issues with plowing should be reported as soon as possible to one of the Board Members or the Clerk to rectify the problem. Plowing and maintenance issues with the intersection of Hotvedt and North Hillside Road were also discussed.

The policy for Absentee ballots and absentee voting was reviewed; 59 of the 321 voters used mail-in absentee ballots.

**5. Adjournment.**

Supervisor Reser moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted to the Board by Clerk Pat Zellmer.