

MINUTES
TOWN OF NEW HOPE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 18, 2024 – 7:00 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, Jim Hotvedt, Pat Ludeman, Greg Roe

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Knepfel called the April regular town board meeting to order at 7:07, following the Annual Town Meeting.

2. Review/Approval of Regular Town of New Hope Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March 19, 2024 regular town meeting were emailed to board members prior to the meeting; hard copies were distributed at the meeting. Supervisor Raddatz moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried.

3. Persons who wish to address the Board:

Jim Hotvedt and Pat Ludeman (4), Greg Roe (5)

4. North New Hope Church use agreement.

Jim Hotvedt and Pat Ludeman, representing North New Hope Church, appeared before the board to continue discussion about the use of the church for town business, including storage area, breakdown of costs, comparisons with other towns and churches. Options will be included in the 2025 Budget meeting in fall; change in payment cannot happen until 2025 after approval of the 2025 budget. Supervisor Raddatz recused himself from the discussion. Use of North New Hope Church be included on all future agendas until a resolution has been reached.

5. Our Savior Cemetery.

Greg Roe, representing Our Savior Cemetery, appeared before the board to withdraw funding and the request for New Hope to take over care and maintenance of the cemetery. John Olson and decedents have agreed to provide maintenance services as members of the church. Mr. Olson asked to pick up the map of the cemetery at the May meeting.

6. New Hope Emergency Plan

Bob Weinert will be invited to the May meeting for advice on completing the emergency plan. Clerk Zellmer has been filling in details, but many questions remain.

7. Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance

Revisions recommended by Tracy Arnold (Portage County Planning and Zoning) were made to the Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance. The amended ordinance was presented to the Board for approval by Clerk Zellmer. Supervisor Reser moved to approve the ordinance as re-written, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried.

8. Spring Election: April 2, 2024

Use of the new electronic voting equipment went well; 321 votes were cast (of 518 registered voters, 62% participation). Next election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13 (Fall Primary).

9. Road Report.

a. State Culvert Inventory/Delmore Consulting update.

Delmore has been contracted to complete the state-mandated New Hope culvert inventory. State and County funds should cover the inventory cost.

b. Current road activities, including upcoming annual road survey.

The annual road survey is scheduled for Saturday, April 20 by Knepfel, Raddatz, Reser, and Zellmer. Results will be posted on WISLR (Wisconsin State and Local Road Report) by Clerk Zellmer.

10. Announcements and New Business

- The 2023 SLFRF report will be filed by April 30 for the 2023 American Rescue Plan (U.S. Treasury Dept.) for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF or ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act) program SLFRF, accounting for all moneys allocated and spent by New Hope.
- Per a request from the IRS, W-4 forms were signed by all board members and staff. State and Federal taxes must be withheld for anyone earning \geq \$10,000 annually).
- The WI DNR Recycling Grant was filed for 2023.
- Discussion ensued regarding the recently listed sale of Turtle Lake LLC (Catherine Hart) property surrounding Minister and Skunk Lake. Supervisor Reser offered to reach out to the State for options on purchasing the property to preserve it as a natural area.

11. Set date for next Board Meeting and BOR meeting.

- **Open Book** (Clerk, in person, Assessor by phone) is scheduled for **Monday, May 13, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm** in the foyer of North New Hope Church.
- **Board of Review** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 23, from 5:15 – 7:15 pm** at North New Hope Church (revised date and time).
- **May Regular Town Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm** at North New Hope Church (revised date).

12. Payment of bills.

Supervisor Raddatz moved to pay bills in the amount of \$ 17,900.02, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisor Raddatz moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted to the Board by Clerk Pat Zellmer.