

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF NEW HOPE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 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, Bob Weinert

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

Chair Knepfel called the May regular town board meeting to order at 7:03, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the April 18, 2024 regular town meeting were emailed to board members prior to the meeting; hard copies were distributed at the meeting. Supervisor Reser moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Chair Knepfel. Motion carried.

**3. Persons who wish to address the Board:** Bob Weinert regarding the New Hope Emergency Plan and the opportunity to be included in the Portage County Mitigation Plan.

**4. New Hope Emergency Plan**

Bob Weinert led a discussion of how to continue work on the New Hope Emergency Plan, adding a number of suggestions that will be incorporated into the plan, including the addition of sirens, and the use of Blackboard to notify residents prior to bad weather.

Mr. Weinert then described the Portage County Mitigation Plan, which is updated every five years, and is geared toward reducing risk, hazards, and impact for the Town following a natural disaster. He offered New Hope the opportunity to opt into the Mitigation Plan, which would make New Hope eligible for any funding, should a natural disaster occur.

Supervisor Reser moved to participate in the Mitigation Plan, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz.

Motion carried, after which Chair Knepfel completed the commitment letter to participate in the program.

The Mitigation Plan must be completed before mid-November, which allows ample opportunity for review by the public and approval by the Board (adopted by resolution) prior to the deadline. The Town Plan would then be posted on the Town website and submitted to the County Board, which must accept the plan at the county level, with approval by the State and Federal government required before being completed (deadline August 2025). Mr. Weinert offered to attend another meeting to help in identifying projects and hazards.

**5. North New Hope Church use agreement.**

Pat Ludeman called the clerk prior to this meeting: she will lead discussions with the New Hope Church Board regarding the Town's construction of an election equipment storage area, and how any income would impact the non-profit status of the church. She (or another delegate) will attend the June meeting to continue the discussion. They will be contacted by email.

**6. Our Savior Cemetery.**

No one appeared before the Board.

## **7. Road Report.**

The annual road survey was completed on Saturday, April 20 by Knepfel, Raddatz, Reser, and Zellmer. Results will be posted on WISLR (Wisconsin State and Local Road Report) by Clerk Zellmer; that report deadline is mid-June.

Scott Construction and B&B Construction will be contacted regarding upcoming repair work.

## **8. Announcements and New Business**

- The 2023 SLFRF was filed. All funding from ARPA has been allocated for the 2023 budget year.
- The WI DNR Recycling Grant was approved for 2024.
- The Open Book meeting was completed on May 13; one person appeared to gather general information about the process, but no BOR inquiries were fielded.
- The next Town of New Hope Recycling Event will be in late September or early October. Clerk Zellmer will contact Nicky Winkleman at Portage County Recycling to coordinate our dates. Dates of upcoming recycling events will be shared on the New Hope website.
- Chad Wolding will be hired to work with Supervisors Raddatz and Reser and Clerk Zellmer in completing the transition to our .gov email and website.

## **9. Set date for next Board Meeting and BOR meeting.**

- **Board of Review** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 23, from 5:15 – 7:15 pm** at North New Hope Church (revised date and time).
- **Next Regular Town Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 19, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm** at North New Hope Church.

## **10. Payment of bills.**

Supervisor Raddatz moved to pay bills in the amount of \$ 16,586.69, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried.

## **11. Adjournment.**

Supervisor Reser moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted to the Board by Clerk Pat Zellmer.