

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF NEW HOPE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

**North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North**

Members present: Todd Knepfel, Supervisor Timm Raddatz

Also present: Treasurer Dorene Stolpa, Clerk Pat Zellmer

Guests: Kelly Aanrud, Glenn Coenen, Mary Dahlen, Paul Dahlen, Sally Ellingboe, Steve Ellingboe, Norman Groshek, George Guyant, Beth Janssen, Paul Klein, Jenny Larsen, Althea Ludeman, Pat Ludeman, Jim McKnight, Andrew Poeschel, Debra Sisk, Shilo Weaver, Tom Weaver, Rick Wilke, Sarah Wilke

1. The July Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:04, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Regular Meeting (June 19) minutes were sent by email to Board members were and posted on the Town Website (<https://tn.newhope.wi.gov>). Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Chair Knepfel. Motion passed.
3. Persons who wish to address the Board.

Glenn Coenen appeared before the Board to request an Ordinance for Licensing Livestock Facilities, expressing concerns, including protecting groundwater. Two examples of existing ordinances for other towns were distributed as a starting place for discussion, and a lively discussion ensued. Supervisor Raddatz provided a formula to calculate animal units, and pointed out that there were one or two farms in New Hope that already exceeded the 500 'animal units' in the examples, and expressed concern about the future of those farms if this limit was applied. A suggestion to grandfather in existing farms (which is already in at least one of the examples) was discussed. The discussion was tabled until August. Supervisor Reser will be asked to work with Tracy Arnold of Portage County Planning and Zoning on creating an ordinance for New Hope. Mr. Coenen asked the Board to give the ordinance serious consideration, and get a working document in place as soon as possible. This item will be on the August agenda.

Bob Weinert (re: Portage County Emergency Mitigation Plan) was unable to attend the July meeting, but will be on the August agenda.
4. The Comprehensive Planning Committee met at North New Hope Church on July 9, and approved an amendment for 1380 County Hwy A, Amherst Junction, with a recommendation for adoption by ordinance of that amendment.
  - a. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 7:00, Wednesday, August 14 prior to regular town meeting for August regarding a zoning change for Parcel 026-24-1016-09 requested by Andrew and Stormy Poeschel. Mr. Poeschel appeared before the Board, requesting that the 40-acre parcel be split into a 10-acre parcel with zoning changed from A1 to A2, and the remaining 30 acres be changed from A1 to A20. Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to accept the certified survey map for this parcel, seconded by Chair Knepfel; motion passed. Chair Knepfel and Clerk Zellmer signed the survey map, which will be returned to Portage County Planning and Zoning.
  - b. Patrick Martin requested a zoning change for parcel 026-24-1027-03 to split the 40-acre parcel into two 20-acre parcels, with corresponding zoning changes from A1 to A20 for both parcels.

Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to accept the certified survey map for this parcel, seconded by Chair Knepfel; motion passed. Chair Knepfel and Clerk Zellmer signed the survey map, which will be returned to Portage County Planning and Zoning.

5. Development of a Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance was briefly discussed, including the amount and frequency of solid waste (particularly from Appleton) being trucked to the Town and spread on a number of fields. Further action will be postponed until Supervisor Reser has completed research and has discussed options with Tracy Arnold at the Portage County Planning and Zoning office regarding this potential ordinance.
6. An Open Town Meeting regarding the continued use of North New Hope Church is scheduled for 9:00, Saturday, August 10 at the New Hope Town Hall (9785 Town Hall Road) to inform the public on increased costs involved for using the building, present alternatives, and gather input from the public. The financial outcome will impact the 2025 budget.
7. Chair Knepfel gave an update on the Road Report. Seal coating and wedging still needs to be completed.
  - a A Culvert survey was completed (costs covered by the State); no culverts in New Hope qualify for funding.
8. The Annual Fall Recycling Event is scheduled for 9:00-1:00, Saturday, September 21. Supervisor Raddatz reported that we have contracted with Acceptable items and costs remain the same as 2023. Weller's Salvage in Wittenburg will work with New Hope. The County was contacted to coordinate any planned recycling special events at the county level.
  - a In preparation for the August Election, a Public Test for the D200 Tabulator is scheduled 9:00 am Wednesday, August 7 at North New Hope Church. ExpressVote and Badger Book will also be on display. Lori Knepfel and Dean Onan will be asked to help in verifying the results.
  - b Six poll workers (four for the entire day, and two workers to split a shift) were requested (for a total of five poll workers on duty throughout the day.) Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to approve the number of poll workers, seconded by Chair Knepfel. Motion passed.
  - c County Clerk Davis suggested that New Hope develop an ordinance that would charge for Open Records requests. Clerk Zellmer will research options and present an ordinance to the Board.
9. Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to pay July bills totaling \$26,533.70, seconded by Chair Knepfel. Motion passed.
10. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14.
11. Supervisor made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm, seconded by Chair Knepfel. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Zellmer, Town Clerk.