

MINUTES
TOWN OF NEW HOPE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 19, 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,

Guests Don and Kelly Aanrud, Jim Hotvedt, Pat Ludeman, Al Smith, Nick Hintz

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Knepfel called the June regular town board meeting to order at 7:05, following the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes from the May 14, 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 Chair Knepfel. Motion carried.

3. Persons who wish to address the Board:

Al Smith and Nick Hintz from Hand Spanked Beef appeared for a variance request. Changes to the building and plans for this operation were discussed. Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to approve the variance, seconded by Chair Knepfel. Motion passed. The next meeting for this change will be with the Portage County Board of Adjustment. Clerk Zellmer will contact Portage County Planning and Zoning regarding Town of New Hope approval of the variance.

Don and Kelly Aanrud appeared regarding possible sale and change in zoning from A2 to A20 for splitting a 40-acre parcel on the corner of Hotvedt and Hilltop Roads. Options were discussed on how to proceed. If split, the property would need to be resurveyed prior to sale, and rezoned. They will consider options and contact County Planning and Zoning as their next step.

Pat Ludeman and Jim Hotvedt appeared for continued discussion on Town of New Hope use of North New Hope Church. Supervisor Raddatz recused himself from the discussion that followed. Details for continued use by the Town were discussed, including a secure storage space for election equipment. A breakdown of building expenses and suggested contribution amount were provided. Options will be presented to New Hope residents before completing the 2025 budget and a possible Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion with the Church Council will continue at upcoming meetings. The Village of Nelsonville will be contacted for a breakdown of debt as a comparison for New Hope.

4. Our Savior Cemetery update. None.

5. Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance.

Discussion regarding development and adoption of a Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance ensued. A concern regarding spreading of solid waste on local fields by the City of Appleton was brought up. The Town cannot exceed State regulations, but because of concern about groundwater quality and the unknown amount and types of pollutants, chemicals and pharmaceuticals in the solid waste, the New Hope Board will explore possible options, including contacting Tracy Arnold at Portage County Planning and Zoning for guidance. The Town of Grant currently has a workable ordinance in place that could serve as a model, including limitation of herd size. Supervisor Reser submitted an ordinance draft to the Board at an earlier meeting that may be used as a starting place.

6. Road Report.

Chair Knepfel proposed a plan on how to proceed with road repairs for 2024. To date \$33,855 of the \$172,000 Highway budget has been spent in snowplowing (\$9,135), and tree and brush removal along Hotvedt, Kozelek, Rolling Hills, and River Roads (\$24,650). Money for road shoulder mowing (\$7,000) and brushing (\$20,000) have been set aside. The remainder will be held for snow removal and emergency repairs. Supervisor Reser motioned for work to proceed as planned, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried. Chair Knepfel will contact Scott Construction (\$72,300) and B&B Paving (~\$3000) for the most needed repairs (Cary Ridge, Hotvedt, Grayson, and Krogwold).

7. New Business.

- a The 2024-2029 Portage County Animal Control Agreement has been completed.
- b Discussion regarding the sale of the Hart (Turtle Lake) Properties and impact on the Town (~440 acres, split into 13 parcels) ensued.
- c Public test of DL 200 Tabulator (Presidential Primary, August 13) is scheduled for 9:00 am, Wednesday, August 7) at North New Hope Church. County Clerk Davis will publish the type E notice.
- d Mandatory maintenance of voting equipment and the resulting cost was discussed. Following negotiations with the County, Election Systems and Software, LLC (EES) will submit a pro-rated bill later this year to the Town.
- e A Portage County Park usage survey (NC Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Fred Heider, AICP) is posted on the Town website. It can be accessed through the Town website or at <https://www.surveymoneky.com/r/portage-orp> through June 30.
- f Discussion about the WI DOR Maintenance of Effort report (SL 305, 308, and 309) ensued. SL 305 was submitted for New Hope (July 1 deadline), including SL 308 from Iola FD, and SL 309 from Rosholt, Amherst, and New Hope. Per Andrea Krantz (Portage Co. EMS Coordinator), Portage Co. will also submit an SL 309 for county-wide coverage. Discussion of the EMS service and cost provided by Amherst Fire Department ensued. A document from Fire Chief Victor Voss was provided to the Board.
- g Supervisor Reser motioned that the Town donate \$500 to North New Hope Church to offset costs, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried.

8. Payment of bills.

Supervisor Reser moved to pay bills in the amount of \$11,634.74, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried.

9. Set date for next recycling event at Town Hall.

Supervisor Raddatz asked that the New Hope Special Recycling Event be set for Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 – 1:00, be staffed by Supervisor Raddatz. Weller's Salvage will be contacted to provide bins and removal/purchase of recycling materials collected. Clerk Zellmer will coordinate that date with Portage County. Discussion about Harter's working with Portage County ensued.

9. Set date for next Board meeting.

The July Regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm, Wednesday, July 24 at the North New Hope Church.

- 10. Adjournment.** Supervisor Reser moved to adjourn the June meeting, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm. Respectfully submitted by Pat Zellmer, Town Clerk.