

**Minutes**  
**Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 18, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**North New Hope Church 845 County Road T North**

Members present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Supervisor Timm Raddatz, Supervisor Ray Reser  
Also present: Treasurer Dorene Stolpa, Clerk Pat Zellmer  
Guests: Pat Quigley, Jenny Larson, Karen Flick

1. **The September Regular Board meeting** was called to order at 7:00 by Chair Knepfel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Regular Board Meeting (August 14) minutes** were sent by email to Board members and posted on the Town Website (<https://tn.newhope.wi.gov>). Hard copies were provided to the Board. Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried.
3. **Livestock Siting Ordinance** discussion is postponed until further information from the County is available. Supervisor Reser will bring the discussion back to the Board at that time.
4. **Persons who wish to address the Board.**
  - a. Pat Quigley (representing the Sunset Lake Association) approached the Board to sponsor their application for the 2025 Surface Water Grant through the DNR. Money received through this grant would be sent to the Town, which would reimburse the Association. A line item will be included in the 2025 Budget. Supervisor Reser made a motion to approve the Town's support and involvement, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried.
  - b. Karen Flick was referred to the Board by Portage County Planning and Zoning regarding splitting her 10-acre parcel (located on Trout Creek Road and County Road T): to retain her home plus 8 acres, sell the Rheinhart School building (located on the current property) plus 2 acres, and change the zoning from Ag 1 to R1. The Town has a minimum 10-acre requirement for lots. Supervisor Reser will inquire at the County level and report to the Board in October.
5. **North New Hope Church.** Open Meeting minutes regarding use of North New Hope Church (August 10 Open Meeting) were posted on the Town website; copies were emailed to the Board and hard copies were provided.
  - a. **Current discussion.** The Town Board will meet with the North New Hope Church Board at 6:30, Sept. 24 (Sept. agenda corrected). Discussion will include (but are not limited to) options for continued use of the building for Town needs, posting space for town business, a secure voting equipment storage area, internet access, and financial considerations.
  - b. **An Open Meeting** for public comments regarding the current Town Hall and the continued use of the Church will be held at 6:00, Monday, Oct. 21, prior to the Regular October meeting.
    - a. **Postcards** will be mailed in early October to invite residents to participate in the open meeting.
    - b. **The Open Meeting** will be posted on the Town website calendar, and Public Notice will be posted on the website, as well as the Town Hall and Sunset Lake bulletin board.
6. **Road Improvement Report.**
  - a. **The Culvert Report** (Delmore) was received; a culvert on Clemenson Rd and a culver on River Rd qualify. An invoice for \$200 will be submitted for reimbursement through Portage County Highways (Nathan Check). Copies of the Delmore report will be emailed to the Board.
  - b. **Scheduled work** for blacktop and chip-sealing has been completed. Brush cutting will begin and proceed through the fall.

7. **Portage Co. Transfer Facility Report.** Chair Knepfel, Supervisor Reser, and Clerk Zellmer met with Amanda Haffele (Portage County Solid Waste) on September 18 to discuss options for recycling. The contract with Harter's Fox Valley Disposal expires in 2028.  
A second meeting is scheduled for continued discussion with Haffele, Nick (Harter's representative), Knepfel, Reser and Zellmer 8:30 am, Thursday, September 26 at New Hope Church, with a report to the Board in October.
8. **Announcements/New Business:**
  - a. **Recycling Special Event** is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9am -1pm at the New Hope Town Hall, 9785 Town Hall Rd. Postcards were mailed to all New Hope residents in early September.
  - b. **WI Towns Unit Meeting** 6:15 pm Monday, Sept. 23 at Junction City Village Park Pavilion. No members are available to attend.
  - c. **WI Towns Fall Workshop** – Chair Knepfel and Clerk Zellmer are registered to participate in the webinar series scheduled for Sept. 23-26, with recordings and instructional material posted.
  - d. **2025 Recycling Grant Application** (due Sept. 30) will be submitted by Clerk Zellmer.
  - e. **Emergency Mitigation Plan and Emergency Response Plan progress.** Clerk Zellmer is working on the two plans; the Mitigation Plan will be presented to the Board at the October regular meeting, as submission is required by end of October for inclusion in the program.
  - f. **November Election** (Public Test 9am Wednesday, Oct. 30, Election 7am-8pm Tuesday, Nov. 5,). Chair Knepfel and resident Dean Onan have agreed to assist with the public test count.
  - g. **Burning Ordinance.** Following an inquiry from a resident, Clerk Zellmer will follow up with the DNR as to whether the Town of New Hope should have a burning ordinance in place, and report to the Board.
9. **Payment of Bills.** The September bills for New Hope totaled \$15232.84. Supervisor Reser made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz; motion carried.
10. **Next meeting date.** An Open Meeting regarding the Town Hall and the New Hope meeting space is scheduled for 6:00 pm, Monday, October 21, 2024. Reminder postcards will be sent to local residents. Public comment is welcome and encouraged.  
The regular October Board Meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.
11. **Adjournment.** Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm, and was seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried; meeting was adjourned.