

**Minutes**  
**Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting**  
**Monday March 24, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

**North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North, Amherst Junction, WI**

Members present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Supervisors Timm Raddatz and Ray Reser

Also present: Treasurer Dorene Stolpa, Clerk Pat Zellmer    Guests: Laurie Stoltenberg, Don Romundson

1. Call to order. Chair Knepfel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Review/Approval of Minutes. Prior to the meeting, minutes from the February Regular Meeting were distributed to the Board via email and posted on the website. Supervisor Reser moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried.
3. Persons who wish to address the Board.  
Laurie Stoltenberg presented a plan to make repairs to the 'old' town hall,' including an addition (plan included at end of minutes). Don Romundson recommended increasing window size in the addition to maximize solar gain. An estimate for a standing-seam roof on the existing building will be presented in April. Ms. Stoltenberg has been invited to appear at the next meeting. The Board will review the plan and consider a town questionnaire/survey, with discussion scheduled for the April meeting.
4. Spring Election: Tuesday, April 1, 2025.
  - a. A Public Test of the DS200 will be conducted on Tuesday, March 25 at 9:00 am. Todd Knepfel, Dean Onan, and George Guyant will assist in conducting the test. Proper notice was posted.
  - b. The 2025-6 Poll Worker list was presented to the Board. Supervisor Reser moved to approve the list, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion passed.
  - c. The Spring Election will be held Tuesday, April 1, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, at North New Hope Church. George Guyant will serve as Chief Inspector; Inspectors include Mary Patoka, Norm Groshek, Chris Thompson, Susan Thompson, and Rebecca Stephens. Proper notice was posted.
5. Road Improvement report. Brushing on Krogwold Road has been completed; brushing on Trout Creek Road, Grayson Road, and Cary Ridge are scheduled starting in early 2025.
  - a. The Annual Road Inspection will be conducted in early April.
6. BOR and Open Book.
  - a. BOR training has been completed by Chair Todd Knepfel and Clerk Pat Zellmer.
  - b. Open Book is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at North New Hope Church. Clerk Zellmer will attend. Assessor Todd Paul will attend via phone. A digital Open Book records are available online. Notice will be posted.
  - c. The Board of Review is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at North New Hope Church by appointment only. Notice will be posted. A revaluation will be completed in 2026.
7. Building Fund. Treasurer Stolpa has established a Building Fund account, with \$30,000 deposited and earmarked specifically for the future 'Town Hall' (to be determined by town residents at a future date). A general account for \$2,700 was closed and transferred to the general account.
8. New Business.
  - a. A concern regarding snow plowing was raised by several town residents. Snow plowing options were discussed. Chair Knepfel will follow up with Glodowski Construction.

9. Meeting Dates.

- a. Annual Town Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm (North New Hope Church).
- b. April Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm – following Annual Town Meeting (North New Hope Church).
- c. Annual Road Inspection: Saturday, April 19, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.
- d. 2025 Open Book: Monday, May 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (North New Hope Church). Note that the Assessor will attend via phone. Records are available through Portage County Register of Deeds.
- e. 2025 Board of Review (BOR) Meeting: Monday, May 19, 4:00 – 6:00 pm (North New Hope Church). By appointment. Call Town Clerk Zellmer (715.677.4784).
- f. May Regular Board Meeting: Monday, May 19, 6:30 pm, following BOR meeting (North New Hope Church).

10. Payment of Bills. Supervisor Raddatz moved to pay the March bills, totaling \$24,880.61, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried.

11. Adjournment. Supervisor Raddatz moved to adjourn the March Regular Board Meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Zellmer, Clerk