

**Minutes**  
**Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 6:30 pm**  
**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, Hal Barkdull, Glenn Coenen, Sally Ellenboe, Steve Ellenboe, Dave Eschenbach, Janet Eschenbach, Norman Groshek, Susan Groshek, Cyndy Irvine, Paul Klein, Lori Knepfel, Jim McKnight, Dean Onan, Mary Patoka, Robert Patoka, Rob Simpkins, Tim Stolpa, Laurie Stoltenberg, Dave Swenson

1. Call to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Todd Knepfel called the Annual Town meeting to order at 6:40 pm.
2. Review/Approval of Minutes. Prior to the meeting, minutes from the Annual Town Meeting were distributed to the Board via email and were posted on the website. Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried.
3. Persons who wish to address the Board. Laurie Stoltenberg presented a new handout for a 20 x 24 addition to the existing Town Hall. A lively discussion ensued. Several residents expressed a concern that the cost was underestimated, especially with current tariffs. Chair Knepfel thanked Ms. Stoltenberg for her significant efforts.  
The Board asked that New Hope Residents be sent a postcard with a request for any firm written offers for the building located at 9485 Town Hall to be submitted to the town clerk prior to the next meeting. That mailing should be completed by the end of April.
4. Spring Election (Tuesday, April 1, 2025). There were 321 electors participating in the Spring 2025 election. All incumbent board members, treasurer, and clerk were re-elected. The next election will be in spring 2026.
5. Road Report. Ongoing brushing is restricted by oak trees. Road repair will be triaged after the completion of the Annual Road Survey (scheduled for April 18-19).
  - a. Annual Road Survey. The Board will complete its annual road survey on April 18-19. The results will be reported on the State's DOT WISLR site.
6. New Business. None
7. Payment of Bills. Supervisor Raddatz moved to pay the April bills totaling \$42,302.58, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried.
8. Next meeting dates.
  - a. Annual Road Inspection: Saturday, April 19, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 2025 Board of Review (BOR) Meeting: Monday, May 19, 4:00 – 6:00 pm (North New Hope Church). By appointment (more information posted on Town website). Call Town Clerk Zellmer (715.677.4784).
  - d. May Regular Board Meeting: Monday, May 19, 6:30 pm, following BOR meeting at North New Hope Church.
9. Adjournment. Supervisor Reser moved to adjourn the April Regular Board Meeting at 7:47 pm, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Discussion or discussion and action may occur on any of the items listed.  
Respectfully submitted by Pat Zellmer, Clerk