

MINUTES

Town of New Hope October Regular Board Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025 – 6:00 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 and Clerk Pat Zellmer

1. **Call to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.** The Regular October Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Knepfel at 6:00 pm.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes from September 15 and October 9, 2025.** Prior to the meeting, minutes from the September Regular Town Board Meeting and the 2026 Budget Workshop were circulated to the Board via email, and posted as drafts on the town website. Reser moved to accept both sets of minutes as written, seconded by Raddatz. Motion carried, 3-0. Approved minutes will be posted on the town website.
3. **Persons who wish to address the Board.** No one appeared.
4. **Town Hall.** No report. This item will remain on the agenda until resolved.
5. **Sunset Lake Association: No DNR grant applied for in 2025** (see email in packet). Per an email from Pat Quigley, the Sunset Lake Association will not apply in 2025 for a DNR milfoil control grant.
6. **Road Improvement report.** Swenson completed roadside brush cleanup. No further road repair or brushing work is planned for 2025. Trees overhanging a northern segment of Sunset Lake Road will be trimmed back for safe bus passage in early 2026.
7. **2026 Town Budget.** A preliminary budget for 2026 was developed at the October Workshop, and will be finalized at the next workshop. A Public Hearing and Meeting of Town Electors in November will be held to approve the budget.
8. **New Business/Announcements.** An updated list of New Hope residents receiving trash service will be submitted to Harter's in December.
9. **Payment of bills.** Raddatz moved to pay the October bills totaling \$30,645.04, seconded by Reser. Motion carried, 3-0.
10. **Set dates for:** Please note that all meetings will be held at North New Hope Church.
 - **Final Budget Workshop:** Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 pm.
 - **Public Budget Hearing:** Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 pm.
 - **Special Town Electors Meeting:** Wednesday, November 19, immediately following the Public Budget Hearing.
 - **November Board meeting:** Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 pm (following the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Electors Meeting)
11. **Adjournment.** Raddatz moved to adjourn at 6:55, seconded by Reser. Motion carried, 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Zellmer. Draft published 10/29/2025 on the town website and submitted to board members for review. Approved minutes to be posted after next town meeting. Any person wishing to attend this or any other meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the clerk at 715-677-4784 (clerk@tn.newhope.wi.gov) prior to the meeting.