

Minutes
Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. Immediately after Public Hearing and Special Meeting of Town Electors
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North, Amherst Junction WI
Members Present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Supervisor Timm Raddatz
Also Present: Treasurer Dorene Stolpa, Clerk Pat Zellmer, Norm Groshek, Dave Swenson

1. **Call to order the Regular Board Meeting for November.** The November Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Knepfel at 6:30 pm.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Board Meeting minutes from October 27, 2025 (posted on website/digital copies emailed to Board). Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to accept the October Regular Board Meeting minutes as written, seconded by Chair Knepfel. Motion passed: 2-0-0.
 - b. Final Budget Workshop minutes from November 12, 2025 (posted on website/digital copies emailed to Board) were approved at the 2026 Budget Meeting earlier in the evening.
3. **Persons who wish to address the Board.** Dave Swenson approached the Board to inquire about the pending sale of 40 acres on Hwy 161 to Siemers Solar and possible ramifications. Discussion ensued.
4. **Discuss/approve the 2026 Budget.** Completed and approved at the earlier Budget meeting.
5. **Town Hall.** No report. On hold.
6. **Elections.**
 - a. December 31 – training completion for 2026 Chief Inspector, Poll Workers,: approval by Board.
 - i. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Republican Poll Worker list 2-0-0.
 - ii. The Democrat Poll Worker list will be submitted at the next meeting if received.
 - b. December meeting: approval of Poll Workers from Party Lists (due 11/30)– agenda item for December – approval – on December agenda
 - c. December 25, 2025 - Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for **incumbents not seeking reelection** to file Notification of Noncandidacy (EL-163)
 - d. January 6, 2026 - Deadline (5:00 p.m.) for all candidates to file nomination papers and declarations of candidacy, for the 2026 Spring
 - e. January 15, 2026 - (5:00 p.m.) Deadline for incumbent candidates to file January Continuing Campaign Finance Report or Statement of No Activity for reporting period 07/01/2025-12/31/2025
7. **Road Improvement Report.** No report – recent snowfall was insignificant; no snow removal or salting.
8. **New Business and Announcements.**
 - a. Notice of non-compliance from WI DOR: 63.52% of full value of a taxation district (62.76% for undeveloped, Ag Forest, Fores, and Other): Revaluation in progress; completed in 2026.
 - b. Property line issue and solution. An inconsistency was reported by Clerk Zellmer. Portage Planning and Zoning suggested a Quit Claim Deed and Resolution to resolve the issue. Reser will consult with the residents, and will bring the required documents to the December meeting.
 - c. A master refuse and recycling list has been prepared by Clerk Zellmer for 2026. A copy will be submitted to Harter's.
9. **Payment of Bills.** Raddatz moved to pay the November bills totaling \$18,414.43, seconded by Knepfel. Motion carried 2-0-0.

10. **Set dates:**

a. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 6:00pm at North New Hope Church.

11. **Adjournment.** Raddatz moved to adjourn at 7:18pm, seconded by Knepfel. Motion carried, 2-0-0.