

Minutes

Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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

1. **Call to order the Regular Board Meeting for December.** The December Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Knepfel at 6:08 pm.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Minutes from the four meetings listed below were emailed to the Board and posted as drafts on the Town Website prior to the meeting.
 - i. Regular Board Meeting minutes from November 19, 2025;
 - ii. Special Meeting of Town Electors;
 - iii. 2026 Budget Meeting;
 - iv. Public Hearing on Budget and Budget Summary
- Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to accept all four documents as written, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion passed: 3-0-0.
3. **Persons who wish to address the Board.** Noone appeared before the Board.
4. **Town Hall.** Further discussion will be postponed until the February 2026 Regular Board meeting.
5. **Road Improvement Report.** Swenson will brush north Sunset Road, including branches overhanging the road. A limit of \$30,000 was set by the Board for this project.
6. **Elections.**
 - a. The Democrats had no Poll Workers for 2026.
 - b. Public Test for a potential primary in February is set for Monday, February 9 at 1:00 (North New Hope Church). Public Notice will be published by the County Clerk.
7. **New Business and Announcements.**
 - a. A new program for recycling batteries will be implemented by Portage County Solid Waste. Details to be published on the Town Website when available.
8. **Payment of Bills.** Raddatz moved to pay the December bills totaling \$15,755.65, seconded by Reser. Motion carried 3-0-0.
9. **Set dates:**
 - a. 2025 Annual Audit: Monday, January 5 at 6:00 pm, North New Hope Church.
 - b. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 6:00pm, at North New Hope Church.
10. **Adjournment.** Raddatz moved to adjourn at 7:07pm, seconded by Reser. Motion carried, 3-0-0.