

Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting, Amended

Thursday February 20, 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, Cason Schmutzer

1. *Call to order.* Chair Knepfel called the meeting to order at 6:10, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.
2. *Review/Approval of Minutes.* Prior to the meeting, minutes from the January 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.*
 - a. Cason Schmutzer, Point of Beginnings Survey Company, Stevens Point, met with the Board to clarify encroachment issues on parcel 026-24-1011.04.03 (Estate of Jane F Miller, 10796 County Road Z,) by lot expansion. David Follitz, owner of surrounding parcels 026241011-04.04 and 026241012-07.08, has agreed to give up land already in use to resolve those issues. Supervisor Reser moved to approve the survey map as presented, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried. Point of Beginning will submit a revised map for signatures when completed.
4. *Fire Department Report.* Chair Knepfel and Clerk Zellmer attended the January Iola Fire Department meeting. Discussion and clarification of the 2% Fire Dues ensued. After consulting with WI DOR, Town of New Hope has agreed with Chief Barton's interpretation that 2% Fire Dues should be paid to Iola FD in addition to quarterly maintenance assessments; the 2024 2% payment for \$4,328.75 will be submitted. A DOR 2% fire dues audit of the Iola FD is scheduled for April 2025.
5. *Road Improvement Report.* Several residents reported icy conditions at the intersection at Trout Creek and Waller Roads. Roadside brushing maintenance along Grayson and Trout Creek by Swenson Tree Service will be authorized due to low snow removal costs thus far in Winter 2025. Brushing on Rolling Hills, Cary Ridge, and Krogwold Roads has been completed.
6. *Records Retention Schedule.* Clerk Zellmer referred to two articles in WTA regarding document retention, will review the WI Historical Society retention schedule, and report back to the Board in March.
7. *2025 WTA workshop* reminder (BOR training-9:00 am, March 18). Chair Knepfel and Clerk Zellmer will attend the virtual BOR training for compliance with State BOR requirements.
8. *Spring Elections Report:*
 - a. Spring Primary Election was held February 18, 2025; 111 residents cast votes (33 as absentee).
 - b. Spring Election is scheduled for April 1, 2025.
 - a. Chief Inspector Stolpa recommended five (5) election officials. Supervisor Raddatz motioned for approval of five workers, seconded by Supervisor Reser; motion carried.
 - b. A Public Test for the DS200 Tabulator is set for Tuesday, March 25 9:00 am, North New Hope Church. The County Clerk will publish that notice.
9. *New Business.*
 - a. Chad Wolding will be hired to resolve some minor issues with Microsoft Office this next week for Supervisor Reser, Treasurer Stolpa, and Clerk Zellmer.
 - b. Treasurer Stolpa will research options for creating a Building Fund using money from the 2025 levy and possibly closing a State interest-bearing account and will report next month.
10. *Payment of Bills.* Bills for February amounted to \$568,283.13. Supervisor Reser motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried.

11. Next meeting date. The next regular town meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm, Monday March 24, 2025, at the North New Hope Church.
12. Adjournment. Supervisor Raddatz motioned to adjourn the February Regular Board meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Supervisor Reser; motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Zellmer, Clerk

Parcels 026-24-1011.04.03 (Estate of Jane F Miller), 026241011-04.04, 026241012-07.08

