

## April 2026 Minutes

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### Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 6:30 p.m.

North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North

Members present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Supervisors Timm Raddatz and Ray Reser

Also present: Treasurer Dorene Stolpa, Clerk Pat Zellmer, Norman Groskek, Dave Swenseon,

Shilo Weaver, Rebecca Weaver, Tom Weaver

Guests: Jim Fahrner, Bob Glodowski

1. **Call to order the Regular April Town Board meeting, and Pledge of Allegiance.** The Regular April Town Board meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Knepfel at 6:48 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Review/Approval of minutes (draft posted on website; emailed to Board prior to meeting):**
  - a. **Regular Board Meeting, March 18, 2026.** Supervisor Raddatz motioned to accept the March minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried 3:0.
3. **Persons who wish to address the Board.**
  - a. **Jim Farner (Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC)** approached the Board to recommend a 50:50 split with the Town of Stockton for \$8747.00 to repair Five Corner Road. Reser moved to approve the proposal, seconded by Raddatz. Motion carried 3:0. A contract was signed to proceed; signed copies will be forwarded to Chair Knepfel and Fahrner Asphalt.
  - b. **Bob Glodowski (Glodowski Construction)** appeared before the Board to announce that they will no longer plow Town of New Hope roads, starting in the fall of 2026. Discussion of recommended snow removal companies ensued. The Board will begin to search for new providers.
4. **Town Building Inspector.**
  - a. **General Engineering Company (GEC, Portage, WI).** An ordinance for building inspector services was reviewed and edited. Reser motioned to accept the Ordinance as amended, seconded by Raddatz. Motion carried 3:0. The signed ordinance (with approved edits) will be forwarded to GEC, and posted on the town website. Once the ordinance is approved by the State, the Town will move forward on hiring GEC for building inspection.
5. **Town Website**
  - a. **Paulo Angelo, Town Web Design, LLC.** Clerk Zellmer will contact Town Web Design on several minor issues. If a contract is approved with Town Web Design, the town website would receive a major overhaul that should be completed in 8-10 weeks, meeting a long-term goal for better communication with town residents. The contract would be \$1200 annual for five years, and would include design, updates, and support.
  - b. **Images of the "Old Town Hall"** provided by Laurie Stoltenberg will be uploaded once the website update is completed. Anyone wishing to contribute historical information about the hall are invited to do so via email to the Town Clerk ([clerk@tn.newhope.wi.gov](mailto:clerk@tn.newhope.wi.gov)).
  - c. **A projector** will be purchased for use in Town Meetings.
  - d. **The Kiosks at North New Hope Church and Sunset Lake** will be renovated to make them more weather-resistant.
6. **Road Report.**
  - a. Two culvers on North Lake Road and River Road are in need of repair.

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- b. Swenson has completed work on Rolling Hills, Sunset Lane, Taylor, Roe, and Stoltenberg roads, but sections will need to be redone following the two winter storms in late March/early April. Work will continue on Trout Creek, Hotvedt, Rainbows End, Deer Lane, and are considering purchase of new equipment, pending brushing needs.
- c. **Glodowski Construction** will no longer provide snow removal services, starting in Fall 2026. The Board will seek a new company to provide that service.
- d. **The annual road survey** will take place on Sunday, May 3, to assess road conditions on 36 miles of town roads. Wedging on a number of roads is needed. The results will be updated on the state WISLR site (Wisconsin Roads).
- e. **The Town will apply for** two state grants to help with costs associated with the late March/early April storms.

### 7. Town Hall.

- a. **Update on Town Hall.** The old town hall is being deconstructed, with anticipated removal of the building to be completed by summer.
- b. **Conceal-Carry** North New Hope Church has tentatively agreed to allow the Town to post a sign at the entrance to ban on conceal/carry weapons during town business (meetings and elections).

### 8. 2026 Elections.

- a. **Update on Spring Election, Tuesday, April 7** 312 voters participated in the Spring election, including 49 absentee ballots.

#### **Reminders:**

- b. **Fall Primary, Tuesday, August 11, Public Test TBA**
- c. **General Election, Tuesday, November 3, , Public Test TBA**

### 9. New Business and Announcements.

- a. The following reports have been completed: amended 2024 Financial Report, Rural Mutual Workman's Comp Report, DNR RU (Recycling) Report, and SLFRF/ARPA Report.
- b. Revaluation of the entire Town of New Hope will be completed in 2026, to comply with state mandates. The Town is currently at 64% of expected assessed value.

**10. Payment of Bills.** April bills for New Hope totaled \$67,988.77. Supervisor Raddatz moved to pay those bills, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried 3:0.

### 11. Set Dates for:

- a. **Annual Road Survey: Sunday, May 3, 2026 1-4 pm**
- b. **First BOR Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 6:00 pm (to be adjourned to a later date)**
- c. **May Regular Town Meeting: Thursday, May 21, following the First BOR Meeting**
- d. **Open Book: Monday, August 31 (1:00-3:00 North New Hope Church), pending assessment roll completion by the County.**
- e. **Second BOR Meeting: 4:00-8:00 pm (tentative), Tuesday, September 8, 2026. See Town website for more information (posted in late May).**

**12. Adjournment:** Supervisor Raddatz moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried 3:0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.