

2026 Annual Town Meeting Minutes

Note: These are the proposed Minutes that will be approved at the next Board Meeting.

Minutes of the Town of New Hope Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 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, Clerk Pat Zellmer, Norman Groshek, Dave Swenseon, Shilo Weaver, Rebecca Weaver, Tom Weaver

Guests: James Zdroik, Bob Glodowski

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.

The annual town meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Knepfel, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

2. Reading and approval of the 2025 Annual Meeting minutes from April 15, 2025.

Minutes were previously posted on the town website, distributed by email to board members prior to the meeting, and hard copies of minutes and agenda were provided to the Board and guests. Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried (all aye, no nay 10:0.)

3. Reading of the Town of New Hope 2025 financial report.

Chair Knepfel reviewed the 2025 financial report with brief explanations; there were no comments. Supervisor Reser moved to approve the 2025 financial report as written, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried (all aye, no nay 10:0.)

An amended 2024 Financial Report was presented to the Board for approval. Raddatz moved to approve the amended report, seconded by Reser; motion carried (all aye, no nay).

4. Persons who wish to address the Board.

There was discussion about the state of the town roads, and associated maintenance costs, especially in light of recent storm damage. Concern was expressed about the difficulty in plowing, but all recognized that roads were cleared as quickly as possible, given the circumstances. The Town will apply for State aid for storm damage for the snow storm and the ice storm.

The condition of town roads was brought up; Chair Knepfel shared repair costs and stated that the town would try to avoid returning some of the dead-end roads back to gravel. Several roads had storm damage, and would be identified during the annual road report May 4.

The status of the County Operations Ordinance was reviewed. Reser explained that it is still being discussed at the county level, but if no progress is made, the Town could consider moving forward with a Town Ordinance.

Finally, discussion ensued on how to better inform residents of upcoming events. Knepfel explained that postcards were expensive and not particularly effective. Zellmer reported that an improved website was being considered, and that residents should use the website as a main resource for notices, updates, meetings, emergency information, and town business.

5. Adjournment.

Supervisor Reser moved to adjourn, seconded by Norm Groshek. (All aye, no nay 10:0.) Meeting adjourned at 6:48.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Zellmer, Clerk Discussion or discussion and action may occur on any of the items listed.