

**Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
North New Hope Church**

Members present: Chair Dan Zaborowski, Todd Knepfel and Timm Raddatz
Also Present: Kari Yenter, Dorene Stolpa, Dean Onan, Mark Christianson, Krystal Ferg,
Lois Glodowski, Jim McKnight, Jenny Larson and Kyle Gordon

1. Call to order.

Daniel Zaborowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He opened the meeting leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Rosholt School District report.

Mark Christianson noted the building addition will be paid off this year. If this referendum passes, the mill levy is projected to remain at 10.11 mills for the next five years. He said a high quality of education is provided at a reasonable cost. Rosholt High School is ranked 37th in Wisconsin. If the referendum is unsuccessful, class sizes, electives and extra-curricular opportunities would be impacted. Dean Onan asked about having an Administrator at multiple schools. Mr. Christianson said that is not a favorable option. Lois Glodowski, school board member, stated Rosholt School District cooperates with other area schools.

3. Persons who wish to address the Board.

Jim McKnight submitted a summary of the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations. The recommendations have been forwarded to Planning and Zoning, Agriculture and Extension Education and Land and Water Conservation Committees for consideration before being forwarded to the County Board for a proposed county-wide ordinance. He voiced his concerns on declining groundwater levels and nitrates in the groundwater. Mr. McKnight asked the New Hope Board to consider passing a resolution endorsing the results of the Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee study.

Kyle Gordon addressed the Board on the possibility of placing a pipe under Trout Creek Road to transfer liquid manure to his field. This is a safer and more efficient way to transfer liquid manure to the fields. The liquid is controlled and metered. He said the liquid is injected into the ground, it is not sprayed or irrigated. Timm Raddatz asked how far the pipe will be placed under the road. Mr. Gordon said below the frost line at approximately 36" for a six inch pipe. The pipe will be placed under Trout Creek Road near Deer Road. Mr. Gordon said large farming operations are held to higher standards than the average farmer.

4. Review/Approval of minutes.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read by Kari Yenter. Todd Knepfel moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Timm Raddatz. Motion carried.

5. Fire Department report.

Daniel Zaborowski said there were no fire calls. The Fire Department will be changing how the Town will be billed.

6. Road Improvement report.

Daniel Zaborowski reviewed the amounts spent on snowplowing and brushing. He said approximately three more days are needed to complete brushing on Five Corner Road.

7. Consideration of appointment for the town representative to the Portage County Groundwater Citizen's Advisory Committee.

George Guyant is retiring as the Town of New Hope representative on the Portage County Groundwater Citizen's Advisory Committee. Cathy Derezinski is the designated alternate representative; however, Ms. Derezinski is no longer interested in serving. Todd Knepfel said Jenny Larson is interested in serving on the Committee as well as Ann Abbott. Todd Knepfel moved to recommend and forward the names of Jenny Larson as Town of New Hope Representative to the Groundwater Citizen's Advisory Committee and Ann Abbott as alternate representative to the Groundwater Citizen's Advisory Committee, seconded by Timm Raddatz. Motion carried. Dan Zaborowski suggested that a thank you card be sent to Mr. Guyant for his service.

8. Comprehensive Plan.

Todd Knepfel said the Town's Comprehensive Plan is due to be updated. Work on the plan will be starting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the North New Hope Church.

9. Number of Election Officials for Spring Election.

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Timm Raddatz moved to approve five Election Officials for this election, seconded by Todd Knepfel. Motion carried.

10. Payment of bills.

Timm Raddatz moved to make a donation of \$250.00 to North New Hope Church, seconded by Todd Knepfel. Motion carried. Road expenses were discussed. Timm Raddatz moved to pay the bills, seconded by Todd Knepfel. Motion carried.

11. Next meeting date.

The next regular Town of New Hope Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the North New Hope Church.

12. Adjournment.

Timm Raddatz moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Todd Knepfel. Motion carried.