

**Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
North New Hope Church, 845 County T North, Amherst Junction**

Members present: Chairman Knepfel, Supervisor Raddatz and Supervisor Zaborowski
Also Present: Kari Yenter, Dorene Stolpa and Niles Yenter

1. Call to order.

Chairman Knepfel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review/Approval of minutes.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read by Clerk Yenter. Supervisor Zaborowski moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

3. Persons who wish to address the Board.

None.

4. 2020 Town of New Hope Budget.

Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve the town budget and highway expenditures for 2020, seconded by Supervisor Zaborowski. Ayes – Knepfel, Raddatz and Zaborowski. Nays – none. Motion carried. Clerk Yenter explained there is an amount of \$878 of unused carryforward levy amount that the Board could consider approving. Supervisor Zaborowski moved to approve using the \$878 of the unused carryforward levy amount, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Ayes – Knepfel, Raddatz and Zaborowski. Nays – none. Motion carried. Chairman Knepfel reiterated that the Town cannot borrow funds in 2020 since the carryforward levy amount was approved.

5. Sunset Lake Level Committee report.

Supervisor Raddatz said a meeting was held with the Army Corps of Engineers. Krystle Walker and Randal Eigenberger of the Army Corps of Engineers assessed the area around Sunset Lake. It was determined that there was no public safety or infrastructure concerns. The current berm was increased. If any pumping were to occur, it would take a minimum of one year if approved. Niles Yenter asked if any of the town's funds are being used. Supervisor Raddatz said the town is only advocating and no town funding is being used. The landowners where the water would be pumped into would need to be notified and willing to allow pumping water into their lakes. Chairman Knepfel said residents are sandbagging and building onto the current berm.

6. Road Improvement report.

Chairman Knepfel said the Hilltop Road project was completed by B & B Paving. He will be meeting with Swenson regarding tree trimming. The possible funding available at a 90%/10% if a project is over a certain amount was discussed. Chairman Knepfel said Rolling Hills sealcoating project would be a possibility. Trout Creek may not be wide enough to qualify for the funding.

7. Approval of Assessor's Contract.

Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve the Assessor's contract for 2020-2021, seconded by Supervisor Zaborowski. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

8. Payment of bills.

Supervisor Zaborowski moved to pay the bills, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried. Supervisor Zaborowski moved to pay \$150 to Mara Raddatz for the recycling event, seconded by Chairman Knepfel. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

9. Set date for next Board meeting.

The next regular Town of New Hope Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at North New Hope Church.

10. Adjournment.

Supervisor Zaborowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.