

Town of New Hope Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North

Present: Chairman Todd Knepfel; Supervisors Timm Raddatz and Dan Zaborowski; Treasurer Dorene Stolpa; Clerk George Guyant; Al Suehring, Betsy Suehring, Dean Onan, Gloria Onan, Tony Kostuch, Ray Reser, Pat Zellmer.

1. Call to order.

Chairman Knepfel opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Reading of the last annual meeting minutes.

Chair Knepfel read the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Annual Meeting. Dean Onan moved to accept the minutes as read, Al Suehring seconded. Motion carried.

3. Reading of the town's financial report.

Clerk Guyant provided copies of the 2022 Financial Report. Chairman Knepfel asked for questions. Treasurer Stolpa stated that garbage/recycling appears only in expenditures in 2022, as the Town cannot charge for that service until one year later (after the service has been provided). Next year, the report will show garbage/recycling as both expenditures and revenue. The mill rate remained the same. ARPA (Covid support) ended in 2022 and will not apply in 2023. Expenditures remain the same. The Governor's budget is currently in the Joint Finance Committee, pending approval. Motion to accept the report as written by Betsy Suehring, seconded by Dan Zaborowski. Motion carried.

Dean Onan moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, Gloria Onan seconded. Motion carried.

4. Persons who wish to address the Board.

Dan Zaborowski inquired about replacement of the firetruck, and discussion ensued. Current price for a new truck is approximately \$1,000,000 (about \$100,000 increase/year). A 'used' truck several years old would be much cheaper, but would require preparation, perhaps five years in advance. The current truck is about 20 years old, purchased used in 2007, and shared with five municipalities, including Iola. Town of New Hope's share was \$46,000, covered by a five-year loan; that loan has been satisfied. The truck is maintained according to state regulations. Chair Knepfel reported that truck options were discussed at the last fire department meeting, and are just now in the planning stage.

Tony Kostuch asked about road work scheduled for 2023. Chair Knepfel explained that scheduling would be discussed in the regular monthly meeting tomorrow night.

5. Swearing in of board members

All board members signed an official oath document (EL-154), required of each member every year, to be filed with the Wisconsin Elections Commission and posted on the WI Election Website (elections.wi.gov).

6. Adjournment.

Dan Zaborowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Dean Onan. Adjourned at 7:25 PM.