

Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North

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

1. Call to order.

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

2. Review/Approval of minutes.

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

3. Persons who wish to address the Board.

None.

4. 25th District County Supervisor Candidate Introduction – Ray Reser.

Ray Reser stated that Jim Zdroik is not running for the 25th District County Supervisor position after 25 years in the position. Mr. Reser said he is currently on the Portage County Board of Adjustment which he will need to step down from once elected as County Supervisor. Mr. Reser has resided in this district for approximately 50 years.

5. Proposed lot split for Les and Rosemary Dobbe.

Les Dobbe said his 36-acre property was surveyed and he is now proposing to split it into two lots rather than three. Mr. Dobbe provided the Board with a Certified Survey Map with the new acceptable guidelines. Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve the Certified Survey Map for Les and Rosemary Dobbe, seconded by Supervisor Zaborowski. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

6. Fire Department report.

Chairman Knepfel said the first quarter assessment is due. He said the Iola Fire District is looking into the process of exploring the idea of purchasing a new fire truck. Ray Reser asked if there were any changes in fire services for the Township. The Chairman said the township still receives services from the Iola Fire District with mutual aid from Amherst and Rosholt. He reviewed the fire runs and directed the Clerk to bill the seven property owners that had charges for service.

7. Sunset Lake level group update.

Chairman Knepfel said residents had reached out for help with the high-water levels on Sunset Lake. The Town was provided with sandbags if needed. At a meeting with a Department of Natural Resources official and Emergency Management, it was suggested the residents organize a Lake District Association.

8. Road Improvement report.

Chairman Knepfel said snowplowing, salting and sanding continues as needed. He said Swenson Tree Service has completed tree and brush trimming on Grayson and Hawley Road with the funds that were budgeted. Roads that still need tree and brush trimming are Trout Creek Road and South Lake Road. The Chairman noted that the Town will be

receiving an addition \$14,390 in road aids and he would like to use some of these funds for additional brush and tree trimming. Niles Yenter suggested holding off until after the snow melts as this slows production. The Board agreed to spend an additional \$8,000 for brush and tree trimming to be completed later in the year.

9. Wisconsin Towns Association workshop.

Chairman Knepfel and Supervisor Zaborowski attended this year and completed their certification for the Board of Review.

10. Wisconsin Election Security Subgrant program report.

Clerk Yenter explained the details of the grant and the amount of funds that were spent on the new computer and services. Supervisor Zaborowski moved to reimburse the Clerk in the amount of \$1,487.16 for funds spent on the computer, computer program, IT support, security training and mileage, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

11. Payment of bills.

Chairman Knepfel moved to approve donating \$300 for the use of North New Hope Church, seconded by Supervisor Zaborowski. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Tony Kostuch removed a tree off Krogwold Road and the Board agreed to pay him \$50 for his services. Supervisor Raddatz moved to pay the bills, seconded by Supervisor Zaborowski. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.

12. Next meeting date.

The next regular Town of New Hope Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the North New Hope Church.

13. Adjournment.

Supervisor Raddatz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Zaborowski. Ayes – all. Nays – none. Motion carried.