

**Town of New Hope
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday January 18, 2023, 7:00 PM
North New Hope Church, 845 County Rd. T N**

Board members present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Timm Raddatz and Dan Zaborowski. Also present: Dorene Stolpa - Treasurer, George Guyant – Clerk.

1. Call to order

Chairman Knepfel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Review of Minutes

Clerk Guyant presented the minutes of the December 2022 meeting. Supervisor Raddatz moved to approve as printed, Zaborowski second. Motion carried.

3. Persons Addressing the Board

No one appeared.

4. Road Improvement Report.

Chairman Knepfel reported that Glodowski has presented a large invoice of \$13,175.00 for plowing and sanding due to all of the snow and freezing rain. He also reported that Swenson is almost done brushing on River Road with work still needing to be done on Hotvedt and Krogwold roads.

Tony Kostuch removed a leaning tree on Sunset Lake Road. Supervisor Raddatz moved to pay Tony Kostuch \$125.00 for the tree removal, Zaborowski second. Motion carried.

5. Elections

After discussion Supervisor Zaborowski moved to approve three poll workers for the February 21st Spring Primary and five poll workers for the April 4th Spring Election, Raddatz second. Motion carried.

6. Cemetery abandonment

Chairman Knepfel reviewed the letter from Attorney Bruce Meagher who is representing the Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery Association. The association has decided to no longer operate the cemetery on Trout Creek Road and is hoping for a voluntary agreement with the Town to assume responsibility for its management and care. The association has set aside \$20,000.00 which can be transferred to the Town for the cemetery's continued operation. Chapter 157 of the Wisconsin Statutes states that the Town is ultimately responsible for a cemetery's care if it is abandoned.

Although a notice of this meeting and request to attend was extended by Clerk Guyant to the attorney and cemetery association they did not attend. Supervisor Zaborowski moved to table this until we could get attendance from the association, Raddatz second. Motion carried.

7. Garbage/Recycling review

The board discussed the application of the \$206.15 refuse charge on tax bills. It was decided that the charge to Derrick & Dean Zagrzebski (parcel 026241035-15) should be reimbursed because the only structure is a pole barn.

8. Payment of bills

Supervisor Zaborowski moved to approve paying the bills totaling \$621,814.23, Raddatz second. Motion carried.

9. Next meeting

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be 7:00 PM on February 13, 2023 at the North New Hope Church.

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.