

**Town of New Hope Special Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
New Hope Town Hall**

**Special Topics: Sunset Lake Level and Town Clerk position**

**Board members present: Todd Knepfel, Chair, Supervisors Dan Zaborowski and Timm Raddatz and approximately 20 residents**

**Sunset Lake Water Level**

1. Todd called the meeting to order and all in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Todd stated that any discussion would be mindful of all town residents.
2. Todd offered an overview of what had transpired in the past year regarding the Sunset Lake level discussion. He further explained that the board needed specific information that was previously missing in order to make a decision about how to proceed with the topic and any potential action. He introduced Pete Arntsen, senior hydrologist at Sand Creek Consulting, Amherst WI.
3. Pete explained to the group his current knowledge of the Sunset Lake situation and his preliminary investigation in the matter. He offered his services to the township to help define parameters of a lake study, including water volumes, elevations, potential outlets and inlets of the Sunset, Minister and Skunk lakes.
4. Furthermore, Pete explained he would act as an impartial 3<sup>rd</sup> party to the process. The project would be set up phases, giving options, cost estimates and time frames for each phase. He would offer assistance with the permitting process for any work to be done at each phase. Army Corp of Engineers would be involved. Any possible construction would probably not begin before 2022.
5. Several residents offered their opinion, concerns and insights on the water level situation of Sunset Lake. Some Sunset lake property owners expressed their immediate concern about the issue.
6. Todd made a motion to retain Pete Arntsen, Sand Creek Consulting, as the lead project manager of the Sunset Lake water level study at an initial cost of \$2000. The Sand Creek Consulting project proposal was retained by the board and was available at the end of the meeting for any interested residents. Timm second the motion. All voted in favor of the motion/proposal.

**Town Clerk Position**

7. Todd shared his concern with the town board regarding the recent resignation of Kari Yenter, town clerk. Todd stressed the immediate need for a new town.

8. Todd offered a letter of resignation as town chairman to the board.
9. Timm nominated Todd to be interim town clerk. Dan second the motion. Todd took the oath of office as new town clerk. Dan will be interim town chairman.
10. Dan adjourned the meeting.