

Town of New Hope Regular Board Meeting, Amended

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 6:00 p.m.

North New Hope Church, 845 County Road T North

Members present: Chair Todd Knepfel, Supervisors Timm Raddatz and Ray Reser

Also present: Treasurer Dorene Stolpa, Clerk Pat Zellmer Guests: Adam Maier, Tim Stolpa

1. **Call to order, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.** The Regular July Town Board meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Knepfel at 6:010 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes.** Supervisor Reser motioned to accept the June minutes as written, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz. Motion carried 3:0.
3. **Persons who wish to address the Board.** No one appeared.
4. **Road Report.** Fahrners completed work on Rolling Hills and Five Corner Roads. A culvert on River Road was replaced by Glodowski Construction; a culvert on N Lake Road still is in need of replacement by Glodowski Construction. Repair to Gullickson Road turnaround may have been repaired by landowner; Chair Knepfel will follow up. Swenson completed brushing on Sunset Lake and Krogwold Roads; brushing needs to be completed on Hotvedt to MM.
5. **August Primary.** Clerk Zellmer requested approval of 3 poll workers for the August Primary and 5 poll workers for the November General Election. Supervisor Reser moved to approve both, seconded by Supervisor Raddatz; motion carried 3:0.
6. **New Business:**
 - a. Portage Co. Planning/Zoning will hold a public hearing Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 1 & 2 of the County Annex, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point on the county shoreline zoning ordinance.
 - b. Discussion on snow removal for the upcoming winter ensued. Options were discussed; the Board will continue to seek a solution after notification that Glodowski Constr. will no longer plow.
 - c. Bob Lane requested permission to install two canoe landing signs along the Tomorrow River. After discussion, it was decided that Chair Knepfel will follow up.
 - d. WTA meeting Monday, July 27 at 6:15, Town of Lanark, 4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr. Stevens Point.
 - e. The next BOR meeting will be changed from 9/9 to Thursday, Sept. 10, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. More information will be posted on the Town Website.
 - f. The revised Town Website will go live within the next two weeks (www.tn.newhope.wi.gov)
 - g. A letter will be sent to all New Hope property owners to update information regarding property re-valuation, new building inspector and permit changes, and website revision within the next week.
7. **Payment of Bills.** Supervisor Raddatz made a motion to pay July bills totaling \$39,732.39, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion carried 3:0.
 - a. **Amended** to include \$84.48 (checks – Treasurer expense), for a total of \$39,816.87.
8. **Next meeting date.**
 - a. The regular August Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 6:00 (North New Hope Church).
 - b. Public test of D200 Election Equipment is set for 9:00am, Saturday, August 1 (N. New Hope Church)
 - c. August Primary, Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 7:00am – 8:00pm (N New Hope Church)

- d. Open Book Aug. 31, 10:00-2:00pm (N New Hope Church), pending State revaluation approval and completion of assessment book by County. Residents may also call the Assessor during that time (10:00-2:00 8/31) at 715-848-9300 regarding questions on assessment.
 - e. The September BOR meeting has been changed to Sept. 10, 5:00 – 7:00pm by appointment only.
9. **GEC (Building Inspector) Presentation.** Adam Maier (GEC) presented on GEC permits. As of August 1, 2026, all building permits will be contracted directly with GEC. Online applications can be completed by visiting their website <https://www.generalengineering.net/forms-resources/> and selecting **Online Service Applications**. *Prior to submitting an application, the resident should gather the following as needed for a specific permit: Parcel Number; Zoning Permit Number; Sanitary Permit Number; Electronic Copy of all Plans; Contractor information [License Number(s) and Expiration Date(s)]. As a reminder, no work should begin until you have an approved permit.*
GEC's David Wright will serve as the local building inspector; Casey Kinnear will serve as permit technician. Residents anticipating building or reconstruction should first contact Portage Co. Planning and Zoning. More details can be found on the Town Website (www.tn.newhope.wi.gov).
10. **Adjournment.** Supervisor Raddatz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06, seconded by Supervisor Reser. Motion passed 3:0. Meeting adjourned.