

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 25, 2023**

Timothy H. Owens called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Roll call was taken with Timothy H. Owens, Sharon K. Baumgartner, Ronald Colvin(via telephone), Linnea Miller(via telephone), Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Rodney Roop, Dan Wolf, Adam Bunge and Jim Stevens.

Linnea reported that she is going through the two ordinance books from other communities to compare with the villages and also see if there are ordinances we no longer need for the village.

Deanna reported that they had a Neighborhood Watch Meeting on July 19th, was not a good turn out, we have planned a Movie Night/Trunk or Treat event for October 28th. We need to figure out how to get more resident involvement.

Eileen stated we do need more residents to be at the meetings and help, right now it's just people that are on the village board, so maybe we do not need to have a meeting every month if it's just going to be the people on the village board. Eileen stated that the 28th of October is seeing if we could have a Craft Sale also, she is seeing if there is interest in the event.

Eileen asked what we are naming the new park, Tim stated we need to figure that out and see what others think and decide on a name.

Jim passed out the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for June 2022 - May 2023 for approval at the August board meeting, and the ordinance for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the village and Winnebago County for building inspections. Jim also passed out the Mobile Home and Mobile Home Parks chapter from the village's ordinance book with the changes for the board to review and discuss. He asked the board members to review for the next meeting. Jim shared information on getting one trash hauler for the village and all what would need to be decided and how the village would go about getting the residents the information and seeing if they are interested. Dan stated he was looking at some land in Tennessee in a community where they are trying this and most residents are not happy, they want to be able to choose their own waste hauler. Ron stated maybe we could send a survey out to the residents.

Sharon reported that we have received payment from the fire department for their part of the parking lot and also for ½ of the new outdoor bulletin board.

Dan reported he is working with Eli on the website, he missed an email from him, so Eli is going to send it again. Eli stated we need more people to go on and like the village's facebook page so that it will come up first when people search for the village. Eli stated he needs the agendas and minutes to upload to the website, Sharon will send him the agenda when ready. Dan asked Adam to look at the shoulders of Rotary Road, between Rydberg Road and HWY 251, it is really bad.

Ron asked if we have Neighborhood Watch signs up in the community, Greg stated there are a few up in the community.

Rodney reported that the sheriff department is doing a great job in the community and working on the speeding problem on 11th Street.

Tim stated that he has got the supplies to get the new sign up, needs help digging the holes and asked if anyone knows someone with an auger, Dan stated he could bring his down and get the holes dug and help Tim get it up. Tim reported that it looks like Marty Maggio is working on his land on Beltline Road and putting the parking lot on that land, but we never heard back from him. Tim reported that he and Jim had a meeting this morning with Trajectory Energy, they have received all their permits from the state to go ahead with the Solar Farm. They want to increase the size of the panels not the size of the farm, the panels will now also be fixed and not be turned. They are stating they will give the board \$80,000 for the new park. Jim will work on amending the Development Agreement. Tim also reported they are going to look at the villages land and see about developing another solar farm on 20 acres another solar farm, Tim stated this would be good for the village and getting more developers to come because we can offer electricity at around 30% off, which works out to be roughly one month of free energy.

Tim thanked Wendy Roop for attending the TIF Meeting with the village of Cherry Valley. We needed a local resident to be in attendance, and she offered to come at her own trip and expense. Tim also thanked Greg and Austin for their quick work on the playground at the village hall, someone went online complaining about some issues and they got them all fixed. Tim stated he wishes if someone had a problem they would call the village instead of posting about it.

Tim stated when it first started out it was lots of people coming and being involved, and it wasn't just about crime, it was also about getting people involved in the community and wanting to help New Milford be a great place to live. It is nice to have someone come and share First Aid tips and also how to protect yourself. We would also love to see the Corn Boil come back and host it at the new park. We need to get the sign figured out so we can put stuff on for the residents and share information. Eli Nicolosi shared that he knows some stuff about digital signs and would be willing to help the village out.

Adam reported that he had a meeting with Rock Road to discuss the Speed Tables on New Milford School Road and that they are not done to spec and that the village wants them corrected. We are not going to pay until they are fixed to what was bid, Adam stated they were trying to get him to agree to other fixes. Jim stated that if we need to we can send a letter stating that if the work is not completed by a set date, we will hire someone to correct the issue and bill them for the work. Adam stated he would talk to them and tell them that the board wants them done to spec and what was bid. Dan asked if we need to accept a bid from them in the future, Jim stated we have given them two chances and they are not a qualified bidder. Adam reported that he is working on the village sign on Baxter Road and also he spoke to IDOT about the frontage road issues. Adam will get with Doug from Stenstrom about the retention pond and getting the pricing. They have been working at the new park and getting the layout and elevations work done. Adam stated they are also working on looking at the pond on the village's 62 acres, and need to gather more information on the changes that will need to be made. Jim stated we need to get that addressed especially if Trajectory Energy is interested in some of the land for another Solar Farm.

Greg stated that Mead Drive is having some issues and asked Adam to go check it out and also the Mobile Home park had some more water problems and tore up some the the streets and we need to make sure they are fixed to village specs.

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Dan Wolf to adjourn the meeting, motion carried voice vote taken, ayes (6) Ronald Colvin, Linnea Miller, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Rodney Roop, and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0). Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted

**Sharon K. Baumgartner
Village Clerk/Treasurer**