

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 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, Linnea Miller(via telephone), Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Dan Wolf, Adam Bunge and Jim Stevens in attendance, Rodney Roop absent.

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Eileen Owens to adopt agenda, motion carried voice vote taken, ayes (5) Ronald Colvin, Linnea Miller, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (1) Rodney Roop.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tim reported that we have not received the money from the farmer for the crop on the 62 acres, he will reach out to him again, and if we do not hear back he will have Jim send a letter. Tim reported that the meeting he and Dan had with Rep. Maurice West went very well, they drove him all around the village and had lunch at Frankie's Pizzeria, Maurice later that day did a post about Frankie's. Maurice could not believe that the village would not be getting any funds from the new casino. Maurice is reaching out to Al at Rockford Liquidators to talk about the cannabis growing facility. Tim asked Dan about the roof for the pavilion, Dan stated he has a call into them to see when it would be completed. Tim stated that he has been talking to Jim about the Stenstrom Contract and had Jim review and we want to make some changes to the contract and have it stated that the contract cannot be ending during the months of snow removal, we purchase salt and they store the salt and also use some of the salt and we have to purchase 80% of what we requested, we will get the changes made and can pass in January 2024. We want the village to be protected. Tim passed out the voting for the playground equipment at the new park, Design #1 won the voting with 64% of the votes receiving 47 votes. The board just needs to decide what colors will the equipment be ordered in. Tim stated that the December board meeting will start at 6:00 PM and after the meeting we will all go to Frankie's Pizzeria for dinner, we will invite the ZBA members also, should be around 30 people attending, we will have it buffet style, have pasta, salad, rolls and pizza. Tim asked the trustees to decide what committee they want to be on and then we can get the new phone from Comcast set up so that calls will go directly to the person in charge of that committee, the call goes directly to your email and you can then return the call.

Rodney Roop came at 6:35 P.M.

CLERK REPORT: Sharon passed out the completed Audit from Lauderbach & Amen, after the board reviews it and if they have any questions they will be happy to answer any questions or come to a meeting. It was a clean audit.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Adam reported that the demo at the park is completed, Tim asked him to check with them on the benches that were removed and were supposed to be left. Sharon stated we would need the invoices soon in order to pay in December. Adam passed out pictures on the speed tables and as you can see in the pictures the markings are the same, he suggested that we pay them and close out the project. Adam also stated an email was sent to Tim and Jim from Kevin about the meeting to discuss the plans for the 62 acres. Tim asked about the excavating work, Adam stated that would not be done until Spring, they are still working on things with the Rockford Park District and ADA to make sure everything is good, it will probably be called a trail and not a path.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim reported that we will need to decide what to do with the special use permit ordinance that was not passed at the board meeting, he will get with Sharon and let her know how it needs to be listed on the agenda for December

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Deanna Rodgers: There will not be a Neighborhood Watch meeting in December or January, will wait until February 2024 to have the next meeting.

Rodney Roop: None

Linnea Miller: Reported that she will have some information on the ordinances in January.

Dan Wolf: Reported that Advanced Tree Care will be removing the trees off the 62 acres this weekend. He will pull the ones he can and the ones he cannot; he will put stuff on them to stop them from growing back. Dan was very happy with the meeting with Rep. Maurice West, he could not believe how big the village was and was very eager to help the village. Dan stated he would be coming down to put lights on the evergreen tree at the village hall this weekend. If anyone could come and help that would be great.

Eileen Owens: Reported that she will do better getting things on the website after we host events in the village.

Ronald Colvin: Reported that he is working on the sign and making sure it is updated and will continue to learn more about it so we can do more with it, he also wants to be involved in other things at the village.

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Eileen Owens 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 7:14 PM

Respectfully submitted

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