

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

Timothy H. Owens called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll call was taken with Timothy H. Owens, Sharon K. Baumgartner, Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Dan Wolf, Adam Bunge and Jim Stevens in attendance.

A motion by Eileen Owens second by Wendy Roop to adopt the agenda, motion carried voice vote taken ayes (5) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop and Dan Wolf nays (0) absent (0) abstain (0).

Attorney Jim Stevens swore Julie Wagner in as a village trustee. She will finish the term that was vacated by Linnea Miller.

A motion by Dan Wolf second by Deanna Rodgers to approve the minutes of the 1/23/2024 Committee Meeting motion carried voice vote taken ayes (6) Ron Colvin,, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0) abstain (0).

A motion by Wendy Roop second by Eileen Owens to approve the minutes of the 1/9/2024 Board Meeting motion carried voice vote taken ayes (6) Ron Colvin,, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0) abstain (0).

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Wendy Roop to accept the Financial Statement of January 2024, motion carried voice vote taken ayes(6) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner, and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0) abstain (0).

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Jeremy Farbo introduced himself and his business partners. They are going to be opening a new business in the strip mall called Unicorn Fluff, they brought everyone samples and are trying to be open by April 1st. They do a lot of pop up events and will be giving some of the money back to the village. They look forward to being in New Milford and are excited about the new park the village is building.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tim stated he was happy to have a full board and welcomed new trustees Wendy Roop and Julie Wagner. They have both come from the ZBA board

and are looking to fill the 2 positions open on that board. He asked a copy of local residents to come to tonight's meeting. Tim welcomed Josh Wakeley - who is the son of the new farmer that is interested in farming the village's 62 acres. The last farmer still has not paid the village. Tim stated the attorney will draft a lease and will get it to them for their signatures and will get them a key to the gate and the village asks for payment in advance. Josh stated they would like to get in sometime around the middle of March, weather permitting. Josh will find out how much of the land is tillable. Tim reported that he spoke to Marty Maggio about the land on South Bend Road, they will have a meeting with Jim to discuss the land. Tim also stated that we need to order the playground equipment and will need a place to store the equipment until ready to put in the park. Marty said he had a place we could store it, Tim will check to see if he is going to charge the village. Dan stated he has plenty of land for the village to store it for free. We need to find out what is going on at 3528 Rotary Road, they have been doing some work there and it looks like they are wanting to put trailers on the land, we have not received any notification of that, we will find out what is going on. Tim introduced John Clark, John stated he is retired from PCI and has lived in New Milford for over 25 years. Lorraine Odum stated she is retired after working at Elco for years and doing home health care, she has lived in the area for over 52 years. Tim said the ZBA board meets only a few times a year, depending on when someone requests some zoning changes. Tim reminded the board members to come to the Committee meeting with what committees they want to be on. Tim stated he had been talking to our insurance agent David Broz about getting all of the village board members life insurance, and would like to give back to the members for their time and work for the village. Jim stated that you cannot vote on that during and current terms for the board, that would be considered compensation and has to start after the current terms expire. Tim reported he has taken the liquor applications and information around to all the liquor establishments for them to fill out and get back with their checks, we will have a Special Board Meeting before the committee meeting to approve the licenses on March 26, 2024. Tim stated he spoke to a salesperson at Bero Auto Sales, they have lots of nice cars and are hoping to do good in the village.

CLERK UPDATES/COMMUNICATIONS:

None

ENGINEER REPORT:

Adam reported they are almost done with the 2024 Street Plans and will be going out to bid soon. They are finishing up the work for the Oslad Grant. We are good with the salt on hand and Stenstrom has asked to purchase 10 loads. Adam stated that he spoke to the county about the water main project,

they just have been approved for funding and will be going out to bid soon. Adam passed out some quotes for the village sign for I39, only two places that have bid on the project, he asked the trustees to review them over and we can discuss more at the committee meeting.

New Milford - Municipal Engineering Status Report February 13, 2024 NM 2024 Street Project – Approved

- Design is being finalized; project contracts are being drafted.
- As a reminder the project includes Lorraine Lane & Bonnie Drive, Mill & Overlay with Minor Base Repairs, Macon & Mead Curb, Cherokee Hills Detention Pond, Speed Table, & Agg Shoulders.

OSLAD Park Design – Upper Park Development

- The majority of existing conditions TOPO has been collected.
 - Adam visited Victory Park for final inspection and project closeout for Park Removals.
 - o Contractor has agreed to pay to replace the metal benches they mistakenly threw away.
 - o Adam will coordinate with the Contractor for a set of benches to be delivered to the Park.
 - Design has shifted to incorporate the existing trail on the Park District's Property.
 - o We provided a permanent easement for the Park District for the paving of this section of path.
 - o Design continues per RPD and IDOT grading requirements.
- Proposed Alignment for the trail has been reviewed by the RPD with the design recommendations from IDOT's pedestrian path/trail expert.

62 Acres Commercial Sub – [Subdivision Name TBD]

- Final design for the pond may depend on available entrances off IL-251.
- IDOT suggested access may be permitted, but subject to their review. To be clear, direct access is not allowed, but they are open to an access road that connects to a Village owned roadway within the subdivision. – Kevin is finalizing his proposal for Village review based on IDOT's comments.
- Tim, Jim, Kevin, and Adam met to review the Prelim Plat Proposal. Kevin has reached out to FRSA for sanitary in the area to assist design. Kevin to submit a Proposal for 62 Acre Commercial Sub Prelim Plat

Old Business:

Snow Removal – 63.9 T currently in bin (02/12/24)

Doug Curry has shared a summary of the existing Salt Contract and quantity of salt credited to the Village. – Adam has updated the current salt inventory available to the Village.

- Adam sent an invoice to Stenstrom for the purchase of 10 loads of Salt from the Village.
- Adam has reviewed and recommended for payment an invoice from Stenstrom for Snow Removal and Salt Spread through the second half of January.

Street Pavement Marking Totals (Rydberg and Rotary) – Has the Village received an invoice?

Village Entrance Sign – C.E.S. has requested design proposals for the Village sign from 4 providers. Only 2 providers have submitted follow-ups and refined proposals.

- The Village sign decided by the Board will be included in the 2024 Streets Improvements Project.
 - The County is fine with the sign. We requested the sign be as close to the ramp as possible.
 - IDOT has previously acknowledged the sign should not be an issue.
- I-39 Corridor – Village has accepted design for the water main extension.

o Design will include a bore under Baxter due to traffic and truck volume, per the County.

o Project anticipated to let in January with a February award/begin construction date. Due to the directional drilling, construction is estimated to take 6 months.

o The County mentioned it was possible they would front the money for construction then be reimbursed by the Village post construction.

o Carlos previously shared the IGA for Jim and Board review.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Jim reported that he has filed suit against the farmer of the 62 acres for payment they have not paid the village.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Dan Wolf to pay the bills, \$148,035.43 motion carried voice vote taken ayes(6) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0)abstain (0).

PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC SAFETY & ORDINANCE

1. Wendy Roop reported on the sheriff's report –report on file. They patrolled for January 2024 83 hours, there were 36 incidents and 18 citations, and they patrolled 2.68 hours per day.

2.No report given. Jon Trail reported on the fire department report they had 0 calls for January 2024 and a total of 0 for 2024, 0 incidents in New Milford.

3. A motion by Wendy Roop second by Deanna Rodgers to approve Ordinance 2024-1 an ordinance amending the code of ordinances for the Village of New Milford, Illinois amending Chapter 13 Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks, motion carried voice vote taken ayes(6) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0)abstain (0).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & ANNEXATION:

1. A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Wendy Roop approve Stenstrom Contract- Attorney Jim Stevens will add a clause - that the contract cannot be voided by either party until after all the salt has been purchased for the year, motion carried voice vote taken ayes(6) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0)abstain (0).

LIQUOR COMMISSION:

1.None

A motion by Eileen Owens second by Wendy Roop to adjourn the meeting, motion carried voice vote taken ayes(6) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, WendyRoop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0) abstain (0). Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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