

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD  
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 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, Ronald Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner, Dan Wolf, Adam Bunge and Jim Stevens in attendance.**

**A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Dan Wolf to adopt agenda, motion carried voice vote taken, ayes (6) Ronald Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0) .**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

**Monica Dorsey who lives at 3410 Rotary Road addressed the board about concerns on what is going on at the property next to them, looks they they are putting in set ups for RV sites, very concerned about having that by their property, she spoke to Winnebago County and they told her he is trying to annex into the village. Tim reported that he has driven there himself and Dan Wolf has sent him pictures, Marty Maggio does not have approval from the county, he has put in all the utilities without obtaining any permits. We are working on getting a meeting with him. This is something that would have to go to the ZBA for any zoning changes and to make sure this is in the best interest of the village and its residents.**

**Theresa Merriman who lives on Baxter Road and owns New Mill Tap addressed that board about her interest in joining the ZBA Board. She has lived in the area over 35 years and wants to be active in the community. She has worked with boards before and works as a CFO of several different companies.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tim reported that after speaking with Jim we cannot do the life insurance for the board members. He still wants to do something for the board members and we have to wait 4 years or more before raises can go into effect. Maybe we can rethink the way raises are done. John Wakeley, the farmer who wants to farm the village property would like to be able to get in the fields soon. We have 52 acres that are farmable, last year we charged \$90/acre, Tim suggested we increase to \$100/acre, and they have to pay up front. We are still waiting to be paid by the farmer from last year and Jim has started the process to sue them for the money. Tim asked the board if they are good with all of this and if so be put on the March agenda. The trustees all stated yes and it will be placed on the March agenda. Tim addressed the issue of getting the order placed for the playground equipment and needing a place to store it, we do not want to owe anyone for storing it, so he suggested we look into renting some storage pods. Tim asked the trustees if**

they thought about what committee they want to be on, he has gotten some feedback from a couple of the trustees, he asked the others to think about it and get back to him, would like to get the committees set up.

**CLERK REPORT: None**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Adam reported they are finishing the field work for the Oslad Grant and the street maintenance. Adam asked the board members if they had any thoughts on the village sign. Everyone stated they wanted to go with Fast Signs and asked him to have them do some color designs for the board to review.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT: None**

**VILLAGE TRUSTEES:**

**Deanna Rodgers:** There was a Neighborhood Watch meeting on February 21st at 6:30 PM, and had a good attendance. They discussed maybe changing the name of the group, and are looking to reach out to local businesses to do some fundraising so we have funds to do things for the community. Deanna reported on working to get some quotes for the pavilion, they asked if water and electricity is available. They want to be able to power wash before they paint. Dan said he had someone she could call for a quote. Tim stated we have time before the work needs to be done so we have time to get more quotes. Deanna stated she is making sure they are using prevailing wages.

**Wendy Roop:** Reported that Morris Drive is driveable, however still needs to be paved, Adam will find out when Strenstrom will be doing the work.

**Julie Wagner:** Reported that Holcomb Bank wants to host a Community Shred Day and was wondering if the village would like to split the cost and be a sponsor also. They have a minimum of 2 hours and it is \$275/hour. Would like to do it early summer.

**Dan Wolf:** Reported he had the invoice for the tree work done on the villages 62 acres, Sharon asked him to have them make some changes on the bill, add a invoice # and where and what work was done. Dan gave Jim some annexation papers from Bryan Baxter. Dan asked if anyone would come and help take the lights off the tree, Tim, Greg and Austin will help on March 9th. Dan asked about the village adopting a Cannabis Ordinance, we do not have one in place right now and if Al Balice goes ahead with the growing facility we need to be proactive and have one ready. Adam stated that Loves Park has one, he will get a copy for Dan.

**Eileen Owens:** Reported that she would like to work on the website and talk to local residents or businesses and do a spotlight about them on the website. She would also like to be involved in Economic Development and go around and get to know the local businesses and see if they need anything to grow in the village. She would also like to work on Community Affairs, she has noticed on the villages facebook page there are lots of posts about lost dogs, maybe the village could purchase a engraving machine and make dog tags for the local dogs to help get them back to their owners, the machine would also be able to do other engraving. Eileen will work on getting more information and some quotes on the cost. If we plan to change the lower park into a dog park this would be required for the dogs to enter the park.

**Ronald Colvin:** Reported that he finally has the time changed on the sign and has access to the graphics to be able to use them on the sign now. He stated he is willing to work on any of the committees.

**Tim** asked the board members if they want to vote on John Clark and Theresa Merriman to be put on the ZBA Board at the March Board Meeting, they trustees stated they would and it be placed on the agenda.

A motion by Wendy Roop second by Deanna Rodgers to adjourn the meeting, motion carried voice vote taken, ayes (6) Ronald Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0). Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

**Respectfully submitted**

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