

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 23, 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, Julie Wagner, Dan Wolf, and Adam Bunge, Jim Stevens in attendance.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tim asked Jim if he had heard anything on the hotel, Jim stated he has not heard anything as of yet. Tim reported that himself, Jim, Adam and Kevin had a meeting with Four Rivers Sanitation Authority about getting sewer, and told them we will only have water to the I39 corridor. Tim wants to talk to AC Johnston who has the corner off Rotary Road for sale, and having a sewer system would be a big benefit for them to sell the land. They also met with the City of Rockford about getting water for the 62 acres and area residents. One thing they found out is because its not in the City of Rockford they would want to charge double the water rates

CLERK REPORT: Sharon reported that she had passed out information on what we have received the past three years for the host fee. We have received the invoice from Astute Web Group for the next year, the cost is the same as last year, \$6,000.00 for the website and \$432.00 for the emails. Will be paid in May.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Adam reported they are finishing up work for the Street Maintenance 2024 so it can go out for bid. He is also working in the parking lot redesign for the park so there is another exit out. We should be able to go out for bid in May, Adam has reported on the water from City of Rockford, having it come to our 62 acres would help them close off some loops of the system so it would help them out. Adam reported that FastSigns would give a 15% discount if we ordered three signs, the cost would be \$23,266.56. He is still waiting to hear back from IDOT if we would be able to put them on the state right of way on 11th Street. So we will not order anything as of yet. Adam is going to talk with Stenstrom and make sure they are the ones who did the paving in the mobile home park.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim reported on the Host Fee we have received the past 3

years , we are usually around \$376,000 or more, the cost of the water for I39 will be \$560,000.00 and they would not charge us interest and we could pay back over 5 years, so the board would need to decide how much we would want to pay back every year. The Host Fee is good until 2034, but as they get closer to that date they will be taking in less and our amount would go down. We also need to find out what the connection fee would be for the users and decide what we would charge for a recapture fee for the landowners. We also need to remember that Nicor and ComEd would have to come and do upgrades and move their services and that could take up to three years. Jim reported he heard from the county that Marty Maggio has somethings in the works, but we do not know what they are. Jim reported that Rydberg Road would also have to be widened, right now it's 66 feet and would need to be 100 feet. Dan stated that ComEd has just put in new junction boxes along Rydberg Road and most of them are very close to the road, they would all have to be moved and right now it will be hard for Greg Tucker to mow around them, they are about every 500 feet. Jim stated that for us to get grants for the project with Four Rivers we would need an end user. Jim asked who is going to work with him on the Appropriation Ordinance for 2024/2025, Tim and Dan said they would work with him, they are going to meet on May 13th at 10:00 AM, we need to get it done so it can be posted and advertised for 30 days.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Deanna Rodgers: Reported that Eric from EGATS Painting is planning to start next week on the painting of the pavilion, Greg stated that this weekend he is going to get the corner beams replaced and ready to be painted. Deanna reported that at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting they discussed maybe having some self defense classes and CPR Training. Officer Coomer who was at the meeting tonight stated that he could see about getting it set up and it would be Situational Awareness Training. Chief Trail from the fire department stated maybe we could have CPR Training at the same time. Tim stated that we would really need to promote the event and get a really good turn out from the community.

Wendy Roop: None

Julie Wagner: Working on getting the day for Shred Day, will report back once she has the date.

Dan Wolf: Reported on the bush at the corner of New Milford School Road and 11th Street, it really blocks the view, Tim stated he looked at it and it is on private property, he will go talk to the landowner and see what he can get them to do about it. Dan stated that Frontier has stated work on Rotary Road putting in the fiber optics. Dan asked about why the clerk is only given \$50.00 for an extra meeting

when everyone else gets paid another \$200/trustee or \$270/president. Does not seem right why the clerk does not get paid half of the salary of \$700 per month. Tim stated he has spoken to Jim about making changes and getting everyone more for what they do, the clerks can be changed at any time because she is appointed. We need to discuss more on the matter. Dan asked if there are any benefits of having a school in the village limits, Tim stated we do not get any benefits, Dan also stated there is not a school crossing sign going west of Rotary Road, we need to get the township to get one up. Tim also asked Officer Coomer if Galapagos School has had any disaster training, Officer Coomer stated the last time he was there was two years ago, Tim reported he will reach out to the school.

Eileen Owens: Reported that she and Sharon got the new engraving machine ordered and it arrived today, this weekend her brother is going to come get it put together.

Ronald Colvin: Reported he is working on animation for the digital sign.

A motion by Wendy Roop second by Deanna Rodgers to adjourn the 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). Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

Sharon K. Baumgartner
Village Clerk/Treasurer