

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 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 Jim Stevens in attendance.

A motion by Wendy Roop second by Deanna Rodgers to adopt the 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) abstain (0).

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Eileen Owens to approve the minutes of the 4/23/2024 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 Ron Colvin to approve the minutes of the 4/9/2024 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 April 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:

Kurt Rodgers addressed the board about all the trash that is at the property where the old antique store was located, Jim had sent a letter before and will send one again.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tim reported that he received the lease back from John Wakeley - who is farming the village's 62 acres. Tim asked Jim if he had heard anything from Marty Maggio- Jim reported he had not heard anything.

Tim reported that he and Dan attended a meeting on May 9th that the Northern Illinois Mayors Association but on, in the past he had felt out of place at the meetings because it was mostly large communities were in attendance, but this time lots of smaller communities. Tim reported that the

painter that painted the pavilion has submitted an additional invoice for extra paint, because he did a 3 coat, he had not called and spoken to anyone to get it approved and his quote stated all paint was included. Jim stated he should have submitted a Change Order before doing the work. Tim asked to be put on the June agenda.

Tim reported that he, Jim and Dan had a meeting to go over the Appropriation Ordinance for 2024/2025, they still had a couple of figures they needed to get with the work for the water main.

Tim received a call from Megan Scanlon - John Scanlon's daughter needing a letter showing what they paid the village for gaming licenses, she also wanted to talk about a Corn Boil for the village and wants to come and discuss at the Committee Meeting, Tim stated that Fire Chief Trail doesn't have the manpower to put it on themselves, but would be willing to help and could use the fire station. Jon Trail stated it might be too late for this year, but we can talk about and see if the businesses were willing to help with it. Tim stated he would want it to be a New Milford Event and not held at just an individual business.

Tim and Jim will have a meeting with Chris Dornbush to discuss the financing for the Water Main Project. Tim also stated that it might be nice to talk with the Rockford Park District about getting a sports facility in New Milford, we have nothing in this area and we now have 62 acres. Tim also reported he has stopped by the old Manzullo Restaurant to talk to them about the bush, if anyone sees him or how to get in touch with the owners please let him know. Tim reported that he got a call from a realtors about the property at 6934 11th Street and that someone was interested in purchasing that property but wanted to see if the village would change the zoning from RR Rural Residential to allow for live animals, Tim asked the board members and they all stated they want to leave it RR. There will be a Zoning Meeting on May 30, 2024 at 6:30 PM. Sean the owner of the gas station came to talk to Jim before the meeting to go over his plans for the gas station.

CLERK UPDATES/COMMUNICATIONS:

Sharon reported that we have \$185,832.43 left on the Road Bond Account, we make two payments each year for \$36,486.03 for a total payment of \$72,972.06.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Adam was not in attendance - his report is below.

New Milford - Municipal Engineering Status Report-May 14, 2024

**NM 2024 Street Project – Approved Design is being finalized;
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 A permanent easement for the Park District has been established.

Site grading and the detention have been completed. Adam is discussing playground details and workout

equipment requirements with the Park District. Project will be out to bid in May.

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 – (on hold)

Old Business:

Snow Removal – 50.9 T currently in bin (05/06/24)

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 has reviewed and recommended for payment an invoice from Stenstrom for snow removal in April.

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

Village Entrance Sign – C.E.S. is coordinating with FastSigns and IDOT to replace 2 existing Village signs in IDOT ROW, for a total of 3 Village signs provided by FastSigns.

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.

I-39 Corridor – Adam attended a Preconstruction Meeting with the County and Contractor for the Water Main extension project. The Contractor has indicated that the project will be completed this year and construction for the casing bores under I-39 and Baxter road will begin within 3-4 weeks.

- o 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 The County has mentioned there is a Host Fee Program with which the Economic Development Committee could award the Village with a loan to help cover the cost of the water main extension.**

Tim reported that he spoke to someone at CES, Inc. and the bids for the park, Street Maintenance and the Retention Pond are supposed to go out on May 24th.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Jim reported on the Appropriation Ordinance that they worked on, he stated about the remaining balance on the Road Bond Account of \$185,832.43, that will be paid off in September 2027, with a balloon payment due, we make two payments per year and are paying interest on the loan. Jim asked the board what their feelings were on the funds for the Water Main, the county is willing to give us an interest free loan, we need \$560,000, he asked the board what they would want to put down. Dan stated he thought we had talked about \$100,000 down and get the loan for the remaining balance, Jim stated we can talk more at the Committee Meeting.

Jim reported on the farmer that has not paid us from last year and that he has filed a citation against him, he owes the village \$4,800, he will keep the board updated on what is happening with the suit.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

A motion by Wendy Roop second by Deanna Rodgers to pay the bills, \$31,394.49 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 April 2024 64 hours, there were 15 citations, and they patrolled 2.13hours per day.

2.No Report - Jon Trail reported on the fire department report they had calls for April 2024 a total of for 2024, incidents in New Milford.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & ANNEXATION:

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LIQUOR COMMISSION:

1.None

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Eileen Owens 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 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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