

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Adam Bunge and Jim Stevens in attendance.

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Ron Colvin to table item #1 Village Clerk/Treasurer Compensation until 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 Deanna Rodgers second by Ron Colvin 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 Dan Wolf to approve the minutes of the 8/27/2024 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 Deanna Rodgers second by Eileen Owens to approve the minutes of the 8/13/2024 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 Dan Wolf to accept the Financial Statement of August 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:

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Tim asked Jim if he had heard of anything on the zoning for South Bend Road or Rotary Road, Jim had not heard anything. Tim also reported that he had some calls on the Weather Sirens not working in the area, he spoke to the new Emergency Coordinator, he is working on that and it will be going out to bid for repair and to maintain them. Tim asked the board members to make sure

they do the training and then get to Eileen, she will track and make sure they are all getting done. Tim asked if the ZBA should take them also, Jim stated yes, Tim said that he or Kurt can get in touch with them, but he believes that they don't make very much, so maybe we should consider paying them to do the training. Tim stated that Victory Park is looking really good, he has seen some things that need to be taken care of and that we need to walk the park and issue some change orders. One thing is there are some fence posts that need to be taken care of, he doesn't mind going and taking them out, Dan has a saw that we can use to cut them off. Tim asked if Jim had found out about the easement on Morris Drive, he has a title company working on it, they have not found out yet, he asked them to check on all the streets. The farmer is willing to work with the village and pay for what needs to be done.

CLERK UPDATES/COMMUNICATIONS:

Sharon addressed the board about the request she made for more compensation for her position. Since she was not in attendance at the committee meeting. She stated that her last increase was over 5 years ago and since that time the village has grown and taken on more jobs, with the audit, grants and portals that have to be maintained. She feels that the increase she asked for is appropriate for what she does and how long it has been for the increase. Sharon also reported that Ordinance 2020-4 states whereas the board of trustees for the Village of New Milford, Illinois also believes it in the best interest of the Village of New Milford that a specific clerk, other than the Village Clerk be appointed the standing clerk for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Sharon stated that because someone asked for her to take on those duties. Sharon stated she did not ask for more money and then have more jobs given to her. She believes that what she asked for is not out of line for what she is doing. Jim stated that what he has on the new ordinance as of now is \$900 starting September 1, 2024 and then each May 1st for the next 5 years there would be an 3% increase, it would be retroactive. Dan stated that if you were basing it on merit what he has seen her do the past 5 years she is due the \$1,000 increase now, she does a great job and everything is taken care of and we do not have to worry about anything. Jim stated we can discuss at the committee meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Adam reported that he spoke to Rock Roads and they should be starting work next week on the retention pond. Victory Park is coming along, he told them that the village wants the large boulder left at the park, they will be putting concrete between the pavilion and the playground, it will be easier for them to make sure it is level over using asphalt. Dan asked Adam to check and make sure the slides are not too close to the concrete wall, and would not want anyone coming down the slide and then hitting the wall. Adam will check it

out. Adam passed out two bids for the maintenance that needs to be done at the traffic signal with the lights. Wm. Charles is \$3,504.00 and Helm \$2,180.00. Board wants to go with Helm, Adam will get with them to begin the work and get them working. Wendy asked if there will be anything put up on the path to stop anyone from driving on them, Adam stated that the Rockford Park District will be putting something up to stop that from happening. Dan stated that maybe we could put up some cameras, he has some up North on his property and you can review them for up to 30 days. Ron asked Adam if he knew anything about the well on Leonard Road, they have not been doing anything there recently and it's a mess there. Adam will check into it and report back, Tim stated that John Scanlon had called the city and it doesn't sound like they will be doing anything anytime soon.

New Milford - Municipal Engineering Status Report -September 10, 2024

NM 2024 Street Project – Approved

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. Rock Roads has replaced the surface on Lorraine and Bonnie and has installed the Speed Table.

Rock Roads will begin the pond work early next week.

OSLAD Park Design – Upper Park Development

Victory Park Removals Project. – DPI has also been awarded the Victory Park Project. Coordination with the benches will be much easier.

Victory Park Project

o The Contractor continues with construction on the paved areas. They are currently working on the area between the pavilion and the playground.

o The Park District has requested a plan revision for the gym equipment areas. They have requested the mulch also be placed under the gym equipment instead of the HMA.

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 sign permits have been approved by IDOT. Village Board has approved the invoice from FastSigns.

Old Business:

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

Doug Curry has previously 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.

I-39 Corridor – Construction on the Water Main Extension project continues. We have been coordinating with the Contractor and onsite inspector very often to ensure we get our Asbuilt data collected as required.

o Due to the directional drilling, construction is estimated to take 6 months.

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)

Street Pavement Marking Totals (Rydberg and Rotary) – The Village has still not received an invoice.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Jim said he found out that Shawn Warren is the owner of the Leonard Road property and has a mortgage of \$38,000 with an 8 year mortgage. Right now we have a lien filed for \$1,004.66 for mowing and attorney fees. The mowing cost over \$500, Dan stated that maybe we can have Greg go look at the property and get it done cheaper. Jim stated we could try and send a letter and see if we could get him to do anything, we had sent two previous letters to him. Tim stated we do not want properties in the village that are not maintained. Jim stated that we could ask the county to condemn and it would put it in their hands. Jim reported that he heard back from the Solar Farm on the Development Agreement we had done with them and passed the amendment, they would like it in ordinance form, we can pass it at the next board meeting. Jim asked the board if we want to go forward with the recapture agreement. If we want to recapture the \$560,000 we would charge \$410 per acre and Kevin from CES, stated that businesses would pay that it's a small amount. We need to get with the country and do an Intergovernmental Agreement, Tim will call and talk with them and report back to the board. Jim said we talked about the tax increase, Sharon got a list of taxpayers, it doesn't show how much we receive from each business, if we want that information we have to enter into an agreement to get that information, Sharon passed on what Tim has to fill out to get the information. Jim reported that a settlement conference for the Adriane Dean case is set for September 27th at 10:00 in Chicago, she is asking for \$200,000, Tim will attend with Jim, we will go into Executive Session at the committee meeting

for the board to decide Tim power they will give to Tim. A trial date is set for November 7th.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

A motion by Wendy Roop second by Deanna Rodgers to pay the bills, \$102,852.66 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 August 2024 57.37 hours, and they patrolled 1.85 hours per day.

2. Jon Trail reported on the fire department report they had 160 calls for August 2024 in New Milford.

3. A motion by Wendy Roop second by Deanna Rodgers to amend Ordinance #2024-7 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. Clerk/Treasurer Compensation was tabled.

LIQUOR COMMISSION:

1. None

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Ron Colvin 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) abstain (0). Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon K. Baumgartner
Village Clerk/Treasurer