

**VILLAGE OF NEW MILFORD
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Wendy Roop and 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:

Greg Tucker - presented the board a new 3 year contract for Mowing, been mowing since 2007 for the village, he is only raising the rates \$45 from 3 years ago. He stated that if gas goes up, we could talk about a gas surcharge. Right now on the quote he has left what he does at the parks alone until they are completed. He has enjoyed working with the village and wants to continue on with them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tim reported that they paved the parking lot and pickle ball court at Victory Park. The owner of the 60 acres east of the park has cleared the trees of the right of way and they have most of them hauled away. Tim reported that the president has declared our area a disaster area from the July 16th storms, if you know anyone let him know. Jon Trail that the fire department has a list and will forward onto him to get in touch with residents. Tim asked Jim about Maggio's property and if he heard anything, Jim has not heard anything. Tim stated that cameras were put up at New Milford School Road and 11th Street, the sheriff department stated those are license plate readers. Tim asked Greg when the mulch would be getting delivered for the playground, Greg stated it is being delivered on Friday. Tim asked Adam about the new Village of New Milford signs, Sharon stated they have been paid and the check has been cashed. Tim asked about the water on Baxter Road, looks like there is nothing west of Harrisville Road, Adam will check into it and report back.

CLERK REPORT: None

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Adam reported on the retention pond and there there is an issue with the inlet, it has been sinking over the past several years and needs additional work, it would be \$4,000 and since there are already there doing the work, the board agreed and it will be on the October agenda. He spoke to the county on the well on Leonard Road and they said they would be back to continue

the work, Ron stated they have been back doing work this week. Adam reported that he checked on the slides at the new park and they have been measured and meet the safety requirements. He has been working with The Firm on the 2 mobile homes that do not meet the setback requirements, from an email he received they want to see if the village would be willing to wave them making the changes. They stated they will be bringing 50 more mobile homes to the park. Tim stated we are worried about the water system being able to handle that many more homes and have asked for a report showing the information. Ron asked if HUD has anything about what pressure the water system has to be able to handle, Adam stated he is not sure. Tim reported that he received a message from someone on the retention pond and they are angry about what is going on and have filed a complaint. They have also spoken to Rockford Township and they want to remove some trees. Tim stated he had spoken to another resident and asked if they had had any issues with flooding. She stated she had not and that people are dumping grass clippings in the dry creek bed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Jim spoke to the county about Leonard Road and they will go look at the property. They will have a hearing with the farmer from last year next week. Friday he and Tim will go to Chicago for the meeting on the Adriane Dean case. Jim asked for the Ordinance for the development agreement for the solar farm to be on the agenda. Jim stated that when he was at the Cherry Valley meeting they were talking to Dave Sidley who has helped Machesney Park, Riverside and Route 173 bring businesses to the area, he asked the board if they would like to talk with him and see if he could help develop the 62 acres. Jim will talk with him and find out what he charges and what he thought he could do for the village.

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Deanna Rodgers: Reported that they will be showing Halloween Town at the movie night on October 19th and that they have done a flier to pass out and also will have Trunk or Treating.

Wendy Roop: None

Julie Wagner: Stated she has been noticing some homeless people in the area, Tim stated that Ginger, another resident in the area has also talked about it, we need to call the non emergency number if you see an issue.

Dan Wolf: Asked if everyone is happy with the placement of the big rock at the new park, he would like to see it turned, Tim will go look at it. Dan stated that we need to have the basketball court resealed, it has been used for storing equipment during the work at the new park. Wolf Bros. Trees will donate 25 lbs of Wildflower seed, he

found out if you spread before the 1st snowfall it will come up in the spring. Dan asked about Greg mowing contract, does it need to go on the agenda, Tim stated that he believes it needs to go out for bid. Dan asked if we should look into a marijuana ordinance, Jim stated we could work on that over the winter. Dan also asked if we need an ordinance for residents to put solar panels on their roofs, Jim will check into it, but thinks since they are going on the roof they would not affect anything.

Eileen Owens: Reported that she has started compiling the list of trainings that the board members need to complete. She will be sending out an email to the ZBA board members showing them what they need to complete also.

Ronald Colvin: Reported that he has found someone from a sign company that offers weekly training on the sign and helping understand the software. He is also looking at getting the issue with the thermometer fixed.

A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Wendy Roop to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation motion carried voice vote taken, ayes (6) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0).

Came back from Executive Session at 7:32 PM A motion by Deanna Rodgers second by Eileen Owens motion carried voice vote taken, ayes (6) Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Julie Wagner and Dan Wolf, nays (0) absent (0).

Jon Trail the Fire chief addressed the board to let the village know his last day is October 18th, he has accepted a new position in Missouri, Scott Schabon will be taking over on a 6 month trial.

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). Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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