

Village of New Milford - Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Timothy H. Owens

IN ATTENDANCE: Timothy H. Owens, Deanna Rodgers, Wendy Roop, Ron Colvin, Eileen Owens, Jim Stevens, Theresa Merriman, Loraine Humphries, Kevin Bunge, and Jessica Lang.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Ron Colvin motioned to accept the evening's agenda with removal of the Trajectory Energy presentation as they would not be attending the meeting, seconded by Eileen Owens. All present voted unanimously; motion passed.

4. Public Discussion

Resident Daniel Atkinson provided updates on his home and requests the parking lot light fixtures at Village Hall be changed to point away from his property.

B. President's Report: Tim Owens

President Owens informed the board that Trajectory Energy will be giving a presentation from 4:30 to 6:30 at Village Hall on July 29th. Notices have been posted on the Village Hall sign and on the New Milford Neighborhood Watch Facebook page. Security cameras are being considered for installation around Village Hall due to unauthorized use of outdoor outlets and public safety concerns. Due to complaints regarding soliciting within the Village, an ordinance is being drafted to require solicitors to register for a soliciting permit. Appointment of new ZBA members will take place at the board meeting on August 11th. A special meeting will be held on September 1st, 2026, at 6:30 pm at Village Hall with ESA, a solar farm in development on 251. The contract with Compass Minerals is under review due to price increases.

C. Clerk's Report: Jessica Lang

Clerk Jessica Lang presented new documents for ordinance violation notices and park rental application.

D. Engineer's Report: Adam Bunge

Engineer Kevin Bunge reported that pavement patch work in the upper park is being investigated. Sanitation work on Harrisville is stalled due to the placement of the sewer line needing to be placed in the middle of Harrisville Rd., which would block access to residents for an extended period. Communication with these residents is in progress to resolve these issues.

E. Attorney's Report: Jim Stevens

Attorney Jim Stevens informed the board that the first payment on the water line extension loan from Winnebago County is coming due September 30th, 2026, in the amount of \$80,000.00. Two properties on Rotary Road have agreed to be annexed into the village. Four other properties are still pending responses. An inquiry was made by Eric Martinez regarding a property on 11th Street that he is interested in turning into a community garden space. Further information pending. Properties with ordinance violations on 11th Street have cleaned up their properties and are in the process of applying for a fence permit. Remaining inoperable vehicles in front of this property will be requested to be removed. ESA has provided the development agreement for their solar farm. An ordinance for the development agreement is in progress and will be presented at the September board meeting.

F. Trustee Reports

1. Deanna Rodgers

Trustee Deanna Rodgers presented two quotes for water softener systems for Village Hall, one from Home Environment Center for \$3,369.07 and one from TriCounty Water Systems for \$6090.00. The final decision will be made at the board meeting. A Halloween movie will be held on October 10th, 2026, at 6 pm at the fire station. A costume contest is being considered for the children in attendance.

3. Ron Colvin

Trustee Ron Colvin informed the board that the Village Hall sign will be updated with upcoming events, and he will be training other trustees on how to program it.

5. Theresa Merriman

Trustee Theresa Merriman presented her suggestions for financial oversight and reports she would like to see presented in the monthly financial statement.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, Wendy Roop initiated the motion for adjournment, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Transcribed 07/29/2026 by Jessica Lang, Clerk.