Village of New Milford - Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to accept the evening's agenda, seconded by Loraine Humphries. Motion passed unanimously.

President Owens provided details of his meeting with village attorney Jim Stevens and Chief Operating Officer for Winnebago County, Chris Dornbush, regarding the village's loans with the county for water and sanitation development on Harrisville Road. The current sanitation project is anticipated to cost the village $400,00.00. This loan would require the village to pay $100,000, with the county providing the remaining balance at 0% interest for 5 years. President Owens proposed the expedited pay off of the village's current loan with Holcomb Bank for work on Ryberg Road to decrease the village's debt and implementing new banking strategies with Holcomb that will optimize the village's interest earnings. The board agreed. Decision to be rectified during the March board meeting. Finally, President Owens informed the board of a seminar being offered Winnebago county on spring weather preparedness and presentations by IPWMAN on disaster resources. Trustees Theresa Merriman and Ron Colvin volunteered to look into attending these meetings.

Clerk Jessica Lang provided new account reports that reflect how future reports will be formatted and presented to the board for review.

Engineer Adam Bunge informed the board that final quantities have not yet been accepted by Rock Roads for the 10th Street overlay project. He plans to reach out to attorney Jim Stevens for assistance if they are unable to come to an agreement. Mr. Bunge also presented the street improvement proposals for 2026, which included Bibury Drive, Stanton Avenue, Sheridan Drive, and a patch on 10th Street.

Attorney Jim Stevens informed the board that he will not be available for the March 10th board meeting, which will postpone the forced annexations planned for that meeting to the April 14th board meeting. With the board's decision to pay off the Ryberg Road loan, Mr. Stevens will prepare a supplemental appropriation ordinance, with the intention to be passed in either April or May. Mr. Stevens then updated the board of requests made by the owners of the Blackhawk Campground being considered for annexation, including increasing the number of park models allowed. Mr. Stevens informed the board that he drove the campground and found that it appeared to have people living there in recreational vehicles. After much deliberation, the board concluded that seeking annexation is not beneficial for the village at this time. Lastly, Mr. Stevens notified the board that he has not received any responses regarding the recent ordinance violations and complaints are being drafted to be filed.

Trustee Deanna Rodgers is in the process of reaching out to printer providers in the area for quotes on new equipment and maintenance.

Trustee Eileen Owens confirmed that she did not receive a FOIA request from the Rockford Sun.

Ron Colvin notified the board that he will be removing the Neighborhood Watch information from the village's sign and inquired about changes to the sign for March.

Theresa Merriman volunteered to assist with pulling records from the previous accounting system to have a record of the previous accounting system's general ledger.

Loraine Humphries inquired about the status of the clean up at the car lot on 11th St. Greg Tucker offered to bring this up at the fire department meeting to get further information.

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

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