Village of New Milford - Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10,2026

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

A moment of silence was held to honor Village ZBA board member Frank Manzullo.

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

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to approve February 10, 2026, board meeting minutes with corrections to date error, seconded by Loraine Humpries. All present voted unanimously; motion carried. Loraine Humphries initiated the motion to approve February 24, 2026, committee meeting seconded by Eilleen Owens. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Deanna Rodgers moved to approve the financial statement for February 2026, with Loraine Humphries seconding the motion. The vote resulted in five in favor and one opposed; motion carried.

Resident Julie Smith expressed concerns to the board about the proposed City of Rockford data center, citing potential impacts on health, environment, water wells, electricity rates, noise, and air pollution. Buddy Doyle echoed these worries. President Owens clarified that the Village was not notified of the project and the board does not support it for similar reasons. He is consulting with the Village attorney to learn more about its effects. Attorney Doug Henry noted there is currently no basis for litigation due to a lack of evidence of direct harm to village property.

President Owens informed the board that he has signed the documents required for the Harrisville Sanitation project loan with Winnebago County and is now awaiting approval. The necessary paperwork for the OSLAD grant payment has also been submitted to the Rockford Park District for processing. Liquor license renewal applications for village businesses are pending and must be submitted by March 31, 2026. Construction of the kitchen and gaming area at the Mobil gas station is complete, and a grand opening event is being planned. Josh Wakeley renewed his lease on the village-owned 52 acres of farmland for one year at a rate of $5,200.

Clerk Jessica Lang had now new updates to report.

Engineer Adam Bunge reported to the board that the final payment request for the 10th Street overlay project will be submitted after Rock Roads agrees to final quantities. Mr. Bunge also presented the engineering design proposal for the 2026 street improvements, which will address Bibury Street, Stanton Avenue, Sheridan Drive, and a patch on 10th Street, totaling $12,970. Additionally, he increased the contingency allowance to 20% to account for unforeseen expenses, resulting in a revised total project cost of $289,684. Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion to approve, seconded by Wendy Roop. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Attorney Doug Henry, present on behalf of Jim Stevens, told the board he had reviewed last month's meeting minutes and had no comments.

Loraine Humphries initiated the motion to pay the monthly expenditures for the Village in the amount of $28,860.98 seconded by Eilleen Owens. All present voted unanimously; motion carried. Deanna Rodgers presented the board with a quote from Rockford Business Systems, INC for repairing the village's copy machine in the amount of $577. She informed the board that repairing the current machine rather than replacing it would be a cost saving measure. Eilleen Owens made the motion to approve the repair work, seconded by Ron Colvin. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Wendy Roop presented the police report from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. In February, officers conducted patrols in the Village averaging 1.7 hours per day, 47.55 hours in total.

Chief Scott Schaben reported that there are no recent updates from the fire department. He noted that I-39 has reopened and the investigation into the car lot fire has concluded. Attorney Jim Stevens will contact the property owner to request completion of the debris removal.

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.

Transcribed 03/11/2026 by Jessica Lang, Clerk.