Village of New Milford – Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion to accept the evening's agenda, seconded by Ron Colvin. Motion passed. Wendy Roop initiated the motion to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2025, board meeting, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. Motion passed. Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2025, special board meeting, seconded by Wendy Roop. Motion passed. Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2025, committee meeting, seconded by Ron Colvin. Motion passed. Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion to approve the May 2025 Financial Statement, seconded by Eileen Owens.

No discussion from the public was brought to the board.

President Timothy H. Owens addressed the board in thanks for their work on the successful opening day celebration at Victory Park over the weekend. Future events will be considered and budgeted accordingly.

Two complaints to the village were discussed regarding properties in Sheridan Grove that have trailers and other heavy equipment parked in the public street for extensive periods of time, as well as non-AG zoned properties with chicken coups. Attorney Jim Stevens is in the process of reviewing ordinances to determine any possible violations.

A quote was provided for the board to review renewal of the property insurance policy for Village properties.

Victory Park pavilion rental information is being procured to be posted on the Village website. This will include a calendar for rental dates, park rules and regulations, and rental payment collection.

Clerk Jessica Lang informed the board that the audit certificate is due in the GATA portal. She is working with Lauterbach and Amen, LLP to complete this certificate.

Engineer Adam Bunge informed the board that the last of the punch list items at Victory Park are being completed, as well as the completion of the installation of the water fountain. Rock Road's landscapers will begin installation of the RIPRAP this week at Cherokee Hills Pond. A proposal for the 10th street overlay was presented for board review in the amount of $60,500.00.

Attorney Jim Stevens informed the board that he has 2 proposals from solar farms. The first being for 21.3 acres for a 45-year term. The Decommission plan is pending. Once all details are reviewed, a proposal will be presented at the July board meeting. The second being for 62 acres, 5-year term with an option for building with compensation of $5,000 per year. This will also include any reimbursement to neighboring farms for crop interference. Once an agreement is reached, an additional $5,000 will be paid to the Village. Once construction begins, $1,500 per acre will be paid. Once the solar farm is in service, $3,000 per acre will be paid. The initial

term is 20 years, after that they will increase their payments by 2% each year. The village would be responsible for the real estate taxes on this property. Mr. Stevens estimates that the final terms of the agreement will take a couple of months to complete. The board agreed to these initial financial terms.

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to pay the bills for the Village in the amount of $29,484. 46, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. Motion passed.

Wendy Roop informed the board that the Winnebago County Sheriff's department patrolled the village in the month of May for a total of 26.9 hours.

There being no further business to come before the board, Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion for adjournment, seconded by Ron Colvin. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Transcribed 06/11/2025 by Jessica Lang.