Village of New Milford – Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 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.

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to accept the evening's agenda, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. Motion passed.

Chris Youssi addressed the board regarding multiple residents in Sheridan Grove parking semis and boats in the streets, as well as having chicken coops in residential areas. Mr. Youssi expressed concern that these properties were in violation of village ordinances and could hinder future home sales. Attorney Jim Stevens is to investigate which ordinances are in violation and follow up accordingly.

President Timothy H. Owens provided the board with a breakdown of the expenses from the Victory Park grand opening celebration. A quote from E-Squared Electric, Inc was also presented for the board to review in order to install electricity at the Victory Park pavilion. This will be voted on at the July board meeting. President Owens informed the board that the final costs for construction at Victory Park are being totaled by CES and would like the board to consider accepting the additional billings to make up 75% of the shortfalls from the grant budget. This would be a budget increase of $21,985.63. This will also be voted on at the July board meeting. President Owens reminded the board to review the insurance policy renewal for the Village and that a representative from the insurance company would be available at the next board meeting to present and answer any questions. Construction is set to begin in order to build more homes at the mobile home park. President Owens also presented to the board the current ordinance regarding animals in the village which states that the keeping of a coop in the village is unlawful. Changes to the ordinance will be considered once violators are notified. President Owens also requested that the board consider changing the ordinance that limits the number of dogs per home in the village from 2 to 4. Requests for a golf cart ordinance in the village are also being considered.

Clerk Jessica Lang informed the board that she is continuing to work with Lauterbach and Amen, LLP to complete the audit certificate in GATA and will also be meeting with Debbie Lang of the village of Malta to assist with audit preparations.

Engineer Adam Bunge informed the board that the RIPRAP has been installed, and landscaping restored at the Cherokee Hills retention pond. The proposal for the 10th street overlay will be presented at the July board meeting.

Attorney Jim Stevens informed the board that he plans to pass the appropriation ordinance at the July board meeting.

Eilleen Owens is continuing to compile pavilion rental information and guidelines at Victory Park. Rental fees are to be voted on at the July board meeting. Board members were urged to review the Rockford Park District guidelines to determine what should be adopted by the village.

There being no further business to come before the board, Wendy Roop initiated the motion for adjournment, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Transcribed 06/25/2025 by Jessica Lang.