# Village of New Milford - Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 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 Wendy Roop. Motion passed unanimously.

Resident John Eccles addressed the board and offered to volunteer his time to help revive community events, such as the Fire Department's corn boil. He would also like to bring fireworks displays to the Village.

Dave Boz with Railside Citrus Insurance Agency addressed the board to review the proposed insurance policy and workman's compensation proposal. Vote to approve tabled until committee to allow full review by board members.

President Timothy Owens requested to table the vote for electricity installation at Victory Park, pending a new quote and other possible energy sources, such as generator rentals.

President Owens informed the board that he would like to consider creating sub-committees for trustee members to head specific projects within the village. Assignments are to be determined. President Owens also informed the board that Urban Forest has requested a special liquor license to sell alcohol during the Illinois State Mountain Bike Championships to be held at Atwood Park Trails on Saturday, July 19. He requested the board to allow President Owens the authority to issue a one-day liquor license for this event and to waive the $300 fee for said license. Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion to approve this license. The board then voted unanimously to approve the license and waive the license fee. Motion passed. President Owens then addressed the board about recent fireworks displays during private gatherings in the village, noting that multiple vehicles parked on both sides of public streets posed a potential safety hazard by obstructing access for emergency vehicles. Further review of current parking ordinances are to be investigated and discussed at committee.

Clerk Jessica Lang informed the board that she received confirmation from Lauterbach and Amen, LLP that the GATA certificate for the OSLAD grant was completed. Ms. Lang then informed the board that she received notification regarding ARPA funding report deadlines that had passed. No prior notification was received. Attorney Stevens will assist with completion of this report for submission.

Engineer Adam Bunge informed the board that the final billings from C.E.S. and Stenstrom for work on Victory Park are being compiled for board review. RIPRAP installation and landscaping at Cherokee Hills Pond has been completed, and invoice submitted for payment. An updated proposal for the 10th street overlay was also submitted for board review and decision.

Attorney Jim Stevens presented the board with the previously presented 2025-2026 appropriation ordinance for final vote. Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion to accept the appropriation ordinance, seconded by Wendy Roop. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Stevens then presented to the board resolution #2025-01, concerning the lease from the solar farm's

legal team, regarding a specific portion of the 62 acres being leased, authorizing President Tim Owen's to execute lease agreements and Clerk Jessica Lang to attest. Wendy Roop initiated the motion to approve, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. Motion carried unanimously. A second resolution #2025-02 was then presented to the board regarding amendments to the development agreement with South Pasture Solar giving authorization to President Owen's authorization to execute lease agreements and Clerk Jessica Lang to attest. Eileen Owens initiated the motion to approve, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. Motion passed unanimously. Following up on the concerns regarding chicken coups in the village, Mr. Stevens informed the board that current ordinances indicate they are not allowed within the village. The board will decide how to proceed with violators of this ordinance. Mr. Stevens also provided ordinance information regarding semis and trailers being parked on public residential streets in Sheridan Grove. The current ordinance establishes that any motor vehicle outside of the classification of A or B licensing can only be parked in residential areas for no more than 1 hour. Violators of this ordinance will be notified.

A motion to pay the bills for the village in the amount of $79,903.12 was initiated by Wendy Roop, seconded by Ron Colvin. Motion passed unanimously.

Wendy Roop presented the police report from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Officers patrolled the Village for 49.52 hours in June, averaging 1.6 hours per day. This included 28 traffic stops and other miscellaneous calls.

Vote for Victory Park Pavillion rental cost tabled until committee. There being no further business to come before the board, motion for adjournment was made by Deanna Rodgers, seconded by Eileen Owens.

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