Village of New Milford – Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Timothy H. Owens at the New Milford Fire Protection District Community room.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to accept the evening's agenda, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

President Timothy Owens addressed the board and the public in attendance that this meeting is intended to address specific ordinance violations within the village. Letters were sent out to multiple residents within the village notifying them of these violations. President Owens included that the meeting was also to receive public feedback on possible solutions to these violations.

President Owens asked for any participants in attendance for the chicken coup violations to address the board. Resident Ilber Billy Sadiku addressed the board regarding his chicken coup, explaining that he got his 4 chickens for his children as pets and was not aware of the ordinance not allowing chickens in the village. Resident Roger Naveroski also addressed the board in support of Mr. Sadiku being able to keep his chickens if they were not a nuisance to his neighbors. President Owens reiterated the reason for the meeting and the need to revisit and possibly make changes to current village ordinances. Some options discussed by the board have included limiting the number of hens allowed and issuing special use permits that may require yearly inspections and fees. Attorney Jim Stevens asked Mr. Sadiku if he would have a problem with these possible stipulations or restrictions that the board has been considering, Mr. Sadiku stated that he would agree and comply with the board's decision. Trustees Ron Colvin and Wendy Roop expressed gratitude to the residents that attended to give their feedback and how influential their input is on the board's decision-making process. Jim Stevens informed Mr. Sadiku and the public that this would be further discussed at the next committee meeting on Tuesday the 26th.

President Owens then asked for any participants in attendance for semi-truck violations to address the board, none were in attendance. President Owens explained to the residents in attendance the current ordinance and the boards concerns, such as how loud these vehicles can be. Wendy Roop also explained that the ones currently in violation make it difficult for emergency vehicles to access the street in the event of an emergency.

President Owens then asked for any participants in for recreational vehicles and/or trailer violations. Resident Rhonda Vaccarello addressed the board regarding her son’s RV that was parked in her driveway for 9 days. She explained that they were visiting from out of town and she wasn't aware that they were violating any ordinances. The RV is no longer on her property. President Owens explained that once complaints started to come in, he took it upon himself to drive the entirety of the village to identify any recreational vehicles or trailers in violation. The concern being having these vehicles parked for prolonged periods of time and obstructing the view and flow of traffic. President Owens included that the board is not concerned by these vehicles being parked for short periods of time. Trustee Eileen Owens added that once

complaints about specific RV’s were received, the board wanted to be aware of all violations within the village and to act accordingly to make sure all ordinances are enforced. Roger Naveroski addressed the board, explaining that he keeps his RV on a neighbor's property due to its size and that he also was not aware of the ordinance. Mr. Naveroski also shared that his wife, a cancer survivor, finds enjoyment in spending time in the RV to decorate when they aren't traveling. Since learning about the violation, he has other neighbors willing to allow him to park his RV on their property, essentially keeping the RV within the neighborhood but changing its location every 7 days. Attorney Jim Stevens admitted candidly that this would be a way to get around the current ordinance, but that he could ask the board to consider a variance or exception to the current ordinance. Mr. Stevens emphasized that the purpose of this meeting was to get community feedback and that all comments were appreciated, as everything from that evening would be revisited during the boards committee meeting.

Mr. Stevens notified the board that the letter sent to the resident regarding the weed violation informed him that they were not the owners and that he was in the process of getting in contact with them.

President Owens expressed appreciation to the residents that attended the meeting and thanked them for their input.

There being no further business to come before the board, Wendy Roop initiated the motion for adjournment. Seconded by Eileen Owens. All present voted unanimously: motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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