Village of New Milford - Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 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, Jim Stevens, Adam Bunge, Theresa Merriman, Loraine Humphries and Jessica Lang.

Loraine Humphries initiated the motion to accept the evening's agenda, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. Motion passed unanimously.

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to approve March 3, 2026, special meeting minutes with correction to spelling error, seconded by Loraine Humphries. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to approve March 10, 2026, board meeting minutes with correction to spelling error, seconded by Loraine Humphries. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Loraine Humpries initiated the motion to approve March 24, 2026, special meeting minutes, seconded by Deanna Rodgers. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to approve the March 24, 2026, committee meeting minutes, seconded by Eileen Owens. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Deanna Rodgers made the motion to accept the March 2026 financial statement, seconded by Wendy Roop. Roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

John Eccles addressed the board to discuss a fireworks display in July. Further details will be discussed during committee meeting on April 27th.

Phetvilay Phonesikhai addressed the board regarding a neighboring fence being too close to his property, making it difficult to access utilities. He requests assistance determining the property line. Village Attorney to investigate and follow up.

Jen Ferris addressed the board regarding her property's annexation into the village and wants to be sure that her property is being zoned properly. Attorney Stevens advised that he will explain the zoning during the ordinance proposals.

President Owens informed the board that after servicing the traffic lights on 11th street due to power outage, he received a quote from William Charles Electric for a backup power supply system. He asked the board to consider this due to the traffic on 11th street and is open to alternative systems. Engineer Adam Bunge will provide consultation. Rentals are being requested for dates in June and July at the pavilion in Victory Park. Repairs on the water fountain at Victory Park are also in progress due to a minor water valve leak. President Owens requested Engineer Adam Bunge evaluate a retention pond for possible erosion issues on Alamo Drive. He also noted another resident on Alamo Drive interested in building a garage in their backyard and the possible contradictions to local ordinance. Further information to be reviewed once a building permit is submitted.

Clerk Jessica Lang reported that the final audit reports have been received and that a date for presentation from Lauterbach & Amen is pending.

Engineer Adam Bunge reports that plans for the Harrisville Sanitary project will be submitted to Four Rivers for review and approval. He expects bidding to begin early to mid-May. The official recommendation of payment with the change order for the 10th street project in the amount of $15,420.62 was submitted; Wendy Roop initiated the motion to approve, seconded by Ron Colvin. Roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no; motion passed. Assessments have concluded for 2026 street improvements and expect to go to bid in May.

Attorney Jim Stevens presented to the board 21 ordinances. Text Amendment 2026-01 to the zoning ordinance states that when a property is annexed, unless designated under a different zoning, will be annexed as R1, single family residence. This amendment will pertain to all proposed annexations and future annexations. Deanna Rodgers initiated the motion for approval, seconded by Loraine Humphries. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Attorney Stevens explained that for the 20 remaining ordinances, 17 are already R1 zoned, the remaining 3 are either R3, CN, CG or a combination thereof. These properties will retain their previous zoning status upon annexation. Ron Colvin made the motion to approve the 20 annexation ordinances, 2026-02 through 2026-21, under one vote, seconded by Loraine Humphries. All present voted unanimously; motion carried. Wendy Roop initiated the motion to approve the 20 annexation ordinances, 2026-02 through 2026-21, seconded by Loraine Humphries. Roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no; motion passed. Rotary Road annexations to be discussed at committee meeting. Sewer line financing loan will be reviewed by the Winnebago County Finance Committee on May 4th. If passed, it will go on to board approval on May 14th.

Wendy Roop initiated the motion to pay the bills for the Village in the amount of

$91,259.12, seconded by Loraine Humphries. Roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no; motion passed.

Quote from Addie Water Systems was considered for water treatment system at village hall. Additional quotes to be collected and discussed at committee meeting.

Wendy Roop presented the police report from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, stating that in March officers conducted patrols in the Village averaging 1.6 hours per day, 49.5 hours in total.

Greg Tucker informed the board that a new fire department report will be presented during May’s board meeting.

President Owens asked Adam Bunge to evaluate an area of broken curb on the corner of Morris Drive and Meade Drive. He also confirmed that ComEd was contacted regarding the leaning powerline on 11th street.

There being no further business to come before the board, Loraine Humphries initiated the motion for adjournment, seconded by Wendy Roop. All present voted unanimously; motion carried.

Transcribed 04/15/2026 by Jessica Lang, Clerk.