TOWN OF NEW DENMARK
MINUTES FROM MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 10, 2025

1. Chairman Krueger calls the regular monthly meeting for the Town of New Denmark to order on Monday, March 10, 205 at 7:00 p.m.
2. After the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The Minutes from February's regular monthly meeting are reviewed. Motion by Sup. Calewarts and seconded by Supervisor Goetsch to approve Minutes. MC
4. **MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETINGS:** None.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of February 28, 2025 the money market, account has a balance on hand of $766,015.49 and $36,548.22 in checking. Clerk submits BMO Harris bank statement with report for review. Local Gov't Investment pool has a balance of $426,587.11 as of February 28, 2025 with an interest yield of 4.40%. Motion by Sup. Calewarts and seconded by Supervisor Goetsch to approve report. MC
6. **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC**: Attorney Randall Nesbitt present on behalf of Kafka and would request the Town Board review and reconsider position based on the Town Board findings back in 1998 which was for two residences with less than 200 feet of frontage. Dave Schlies of Old Settlers Road inquires if the County has recorded the discontinuation of right of way from Old Settlers Road which was to be added to his parcel; as the parcel size was not changed on his tax bill. Ryan Duckett at the County confirmed they received the filing in 2023 but it has not been recorded. Attorney Sickel to follow up.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

7. APPROVE INFORMATIONAL BUILDING & CULVERT PERMITS: Info permit for ND-248-1 6315 Shady Lane for new home. Setbacks approved. Accessory building approved last year. Parcel created in 1959 and grandfathered. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC Info permit for ND-743-1 5871Cooperstown Rd for 30x40 accessory building. Zoned Ag-R. Setbacks approved. Electrical to be added. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts.MC Communication from Scott Beining of 50x80 garage that was approved 6/12/2023 for M. Hardy on North Avenue. Parcel was non-conforming as it was zoned Ag-R with .4 acres. During construction, water plumbing, bathroom has been added which was not part of original project. No septic. Mark Hardy present and states he tapped into existing septic on his property. Need to ensure he is following codes and county permitting. All work has been stopped. Request to amend building information permit and resubmit to Town for approval. Residence or living quarters not allowed in accessory building. No intent to reside in building. Work can continue if it falls within the scope of the original building permit.

8. ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Michael Gaworek states he is finalizing assessment review. Board of Review to be held at the end of May and dates selected at April meeting.

9. DENMARK VOLUNTEER FIRE CONTRACT 2025: Contract approved at February. Chairman Krueger signs 2025 contract.

10. ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT: Discussion of weight limits on roads. Roads that need them have them year round. Town does not monitor or unable to enforce. Will keep limits that are currently posted but do not intend to post additional weight limits. Pine Grove potholes patched. Need to address this section by Game Lane this year. Wendt Services to patch potholes in coming weeks. Discussion of joining County in purchasing road salt for 2025-26. Pricing unknown and need to provide storage. Board to continue to use Pro1 with the intent they are purchasing it under municipal contract and rate. Tree on Rosecrans Rd to be cut. North Avenue and Maribel guardrail repaired.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF THE TOWN BOARD: Discussion if Village of Denmark has more information about repairs to Kvitek road and relocation from the DOT. Town to address our section of roadway during spring road tour.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A) Rezoning request from Dennis Stodola to rezone 1.5 acres from ND-3 from AG-FP to Ag-R to parcel off existing home and approve new CSM: Review of Plan Commission minutes and public hearing conducted. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC Parties to submit original CSM for signature by Clerk.

B) CSM for parcel ND-330: CSM to parcel off 7.7 acres from ND-330. Balance of land to be sold to brother for farm. Parcel less than 35 acres. No rezoning required. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC Clerk signs CSM.

C) Reconsideration of rezoning request from C. Kafka for parcel ND-116-3 to rezone 3.67 acres from Ag-1 to Ag-R for the construction of a single family home. Edward Ward present and would like to have a memorandum that the variance was granted and approved for less than 200 feet of frontage for his property to verify his property conforms to the Town zoning standards. Mr. Ward still questions the zoning from 1968 and what the zoning was changed to. No CSM was presented and he provides a history of the parcels and handwritten minutes are vague and not very clear as to what was approved. Mr. Ward feels the Board should not cherry pick intent of the past Board but should consider the current parcel as it is today, which includes a number of changes since 1998. Attorney Nesbitt feels the minutes clearly request from 1998 that the Board intended to grant two homes for these parcel in 1998 and the frontage was addressed to be 100 feet each. He would ask the Board approve the finding of the former Board from 1998. Discussion by Sup. Goetsch that the current Town comprehensive map shows only the front portion of the parcels are suitable for residential zoning, with the back noted as conservancy. What is the best use for this property? Question to legal counsel if the Board is bond by the actions of past Board even with the changes to the parcel. Discussion the changes to the parcel do not affect the frontage, but it does impact size. If zoning was approved, changing the size of the parcel would not impact zoning. Sup. Goetsch does not like the fact the parties presented a new plat of survey from 2024 when it was submitted to Plan Commission. Multiple changes made to the original 1998 CSM. Brown County designated the back portion of this parcel wetland/ESA. Property owners will need to comply with DNR requirements and permitting. Concern over number of driveway accessing County R and that would be a County issue. Mr. Ward requests a letter be issued from the Town stating a variance was granted and approved with less than 200 feet of road frontage. Attorney Sickel to provide. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve the zoning of parcel ND116-3 to Ag-R with a variance of less than 200 feet of road frontage with the acknowledgement the landowner will need to comply with all ESA and DNR requirements. MC

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Road tour to be set by Board at future date.

12. CORRESPONDENCE: Reister & Schnell, Comprehensive Plan notice for Town of Gibson, Ayres proposal to complete PASER filing. Contract from Ayres to inspect Rosecrans Bridge. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve inspection. MC

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to pay bills. MC Motion by Sup. Calewarts and seconded by Sup. Goetsch to adjourn at 9:00 pm MC

Prepared by: Michelle Wallerius, Clerk