TOWN OF NEW DENMARK
MINUTES FROM MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2025

1. Chairman Krueger calls the regular monthly meeting for the Town of New Denmark to order on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
2. After the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The Minutes from October's regular monthly meeting are reviewed. Motion by Sup. Calewarts and seconded by Supervisor Goetsch to approve Minutes. MC
4. **MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETINGS:** Minutes from October 20, 2025 special meeting are reviewed. Motion by Sup. Calewarts and seconded by Supervisor Goetsch to approve Minutes. MC
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of October 31, 2025 the money market, account has a balance on hand of $394,292.98 and $38,262.94 in checking. Clerk submits BMO Harris bank statement with report for review. Local Gov't Investment pool has a balance of $439,198.66 as of October 31, 2025. Motion by Sup. Calewarts and seconded by Supervisor Goetsch to approve report. MC
6. **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC**: Michael Gaworek states drones have been flying over his property for the past 3-5 weeks at night.

OLD BUSINESS:

7. **Ordinance requiring 24 hour notification for land spreading:** Attorney Sickel states since it is a land use matter, the Plan Commission should review and make a recommendation on the ordinance. Will need some feedback as to who receives the reports,/notifications, penalty or fines to be imposed for non-compliance. Time of year likely has a greater impact on when this will be required and intent of ordinance is to prevent potential damage to town infrastructure.

NEW BUSINESS

8. APPROVE INFORMATIONAL BUILDING & CULVERT PERMITS: Info permit for ND-150-1 for demo of old shed and replace with 63-x106 accessory building. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC ND-694 6273 Schlies Lane for solar array on roof. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC Request from Spectrum for fiber optic install in right-of-way on Shirley Road. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC Zach Pantzlaff 5761 Cooperstown Road for addition of full bath. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC ND-190 from Gary Dworak for culvert/driveway permit. No culvert needed; not new but added additional gravel. Discussion of revision to current ordinance as it does not identify Zoning Administrator in ordinance but Town Board member or Building Inspector. Discussion about who should review driveway permits and how replacements of existing culverts need to be handled and whether a permit is necessary. Board feels driveway application needed for new and replacement, so the Board is aware of what is occurring in the right of way. Fee is not required for existing driveways or replacement culverts. Terry Cayemberg for replacement of existing culvert which was damaged. Replaced 10" with 15" culvert. Rick Finnel states ditch line needs to be cleaned out. Bd approves if no cost to the Town. Recommendation to extend existing driveways into farm fields to 40-60 feet as this reduces potential damage to the shoulder of the roadway when entering the fields with large equipment. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve Cayemberg permit. MC Driveway permit for Steve Olsen – existing driveways and no culvert involved. Just expanded width with additional gravel. Keith Brunner with new driveway / culvert permit. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve. MC

9. ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Michael Gaworek working on maintenance, sales and reviewing new construction before year end. Information from the Dept of Revenue highlighted sale of telecom towers and they will no longer be assessed by the State, but locally. One tower located on Wanek Road will be added to Town assessment. 2025 ratio / class comparisons provided. Town of New Denmark fell below

90%, which is out of compliance. A computer revalue likely needed in 2028-29. Clerk to add information to the website or include in town Newsletter.

10. ADOPT 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET: Special meeting of electors and public hearing held. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve 2026 Annual Budget. MC

11. REVISED TOWN OF NEW DENMARK RECYCLING ORDINANCE: Clerk states the DNR is requesting all responsible units to update their recycling ordinance to comply with new requirements set by the State. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to adopt. Clerk to post.

12: ROAD & BRIDGE REPORT: Sup. Calewarts states tires pulled from right of way with cutting. Railing on Wanek to be addressed. Request to have Brown Cty Hwy Dept review and make determination if guardrail is necessary and if so, repair. Fay Lau inquires if repaired, if they can leave spacing for bikers or walkers on the right of way. Rosecrans guardrail repaired by Damsel following auto accident.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF THE TOWN BOARD: Sup. Goetsch states the Fire Dept is requesting Town have barriers available to close roadways if there are down power lines. Need to have available in the future. Rick Finnel states he has a number at his residence which could be used in case of emergency. Town also to look at cost to purchase. Discussion about businesses located at RS Shops so the department is informed in case of a fire call.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Discussion of raze order to ND-239. Property sold to Robert Peer in mid-October and raze order is attached to property. 5401 Steve's Cheese Road. Rezoning application received for ND-32 to parcel off 3.55 acres. Communication from NLC for land spreading. Noted they are spreading on 5 acre parcel that has 7 homes. No letters on file from home owners waiving 500 feet of setback for spreading. Recommendation to contact NLC regarding consent of these land owners.

A. Rezoning request from Banowitz to rezone 4.63 acres from ND-521-1 (Lot 1 – Irish Road): Request to parcel off existing home and return remaining farmland to parents. CSM submitted for review. Motion by Sup. Goetsch to approve rezone to Ag-R from Ag-1. Seconded by Sup. Calewarts. MC CSM signed by Clerk.
B. Non-conforming use permit for Gehrke: Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve non-conforming use permit for ND-373-2 to construct single family residence with less than 500 feet of frontage with AG-1 zoning. MC
C. Rezoning request from BelGioioso Cheese to rezone remaining portion of ND-394 from Ag-1 to L-1 for an addition to existing cheese factory, along with demo permit for existing home on parcel and a request for a conditional use permit to place a temporary residence on L-1 zoning as it relates to the business located at 5911 County Road NN. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to approve rezone the entire parcel of ND-394 to L-1 and approve demo permit and conditional use permit for temporary residence as it relates to the business. MC
D. Rezoning request from Mark Hardy for ND-436 -5306 North Avenue to rezone parcel from Ag-1 to B-1. Brown County contact Town about septic permit as it is tied to the garage and residence. Need to look at size of mound if a business is approved and information as to what type of business. Email has been sent to property owner for clarification. M. Hardy will also need Village approval for rezone due to extra-territorial rights. Motion by Sup. Goetsch to table for more information. Seconded by Sup. Calewarts. MC

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Plan Commission meeting set for November 24 or 25, 2025 at 7 pm

14. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

15. PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Sup. Goetsch to pay bills. Seconded by Sup. Calewarts. Motion by Sup. Goetsch and seconded by Sup. Calewarts to adjourn at 8:45 pm MC

Prepared by: Michelle Wallerius, Clerk
Approved: