

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2021

The Village President determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent and that the attendance at the regular meeting location is not feasible based upon the concerns identified in the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation related to COVID-19. Therefore, the meeting was held via alternative arrangements pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7, specifically Zoom web Conference and teleconference.

President Mike Krall called the meeting of the New Berlin Village Board to order at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday February 17, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken and each trustee's ability to hear and be heard was confirmed.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Mike Krall, Trustee Cindy Morris, Trustee Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Sue Spalding, Trustee Andy Surratt, Trustee Kris Neuman, Treasurer Angie Libben, Clerk Melissa Dees, Attorney Jason Brokaw and Trustee Sharon LaFauce was late.

Absent: N/A

Audience: Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Cameron Jones Benton & Associates, Greta Myers and Brent Thomas.

Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

Motion: To Approve consent agenda as presented for bills, treasurer's report, building permit report and board meeting minutes from January 20, 2020.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes, Trustee Surratt: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee LaFauce: Absent

Clerk: No Report.

Police: Chief of Police Terry Nydegger gave the board members the January department report. Chief Nydegger reported that they also assisted the Loami and Pleasant Plains police departments as well as the Fire department.

TIF: No Report.

Committee Reports:

Utilities: Written report submitted. Trustee Spalding summarized Superintendent Kemp's report to the board members. Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates gave the board members an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant and discussed a quote that Superintendent Kemp received for a bar basket for the northeast lift station. GIS Presentation was given by Brent Thomas to the board members, and also discussed setting up a future screenshare meeting to walk the Trustees through the program.

Motion: To Approve Purchase of Aluminum Bar Basket from Halliday Products, not to exceed \$1325.00.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes, Trustee Surratt: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee LaFauce: Yes

Zoning: No Report.

Streets and Parks: Trustee Snyder presented the proposed bids from seven lawn care companies for mowing and trimming of the parks and village property. Trustee Morris wanted to thank the street department for doing a great job on getting the streets and sidewalks cleared off after the snow storm. Trustee Snyder and Attorney Jason Brokaw discussed Ordinance 21-02, designating a location for a stop sign. The board members discussed and determined that they will look into

getting bids to purchase removeable speed humps and will hold off on the stop sign at this time. Trustee Neuman is sending the bid to the board members to review for removeable speed humps. President Krall would like to have this done before summer for safety purposes. Trustee Snyder informed the board that Benton and Associates is putting together a layout for the splash pad and will be getting it permitted.

Motion: To Accept **Mowing Bid** from **Runyen Lawn Care Company** for \$4200.00 for terms of service from March 1, 2021 through December 1, 2021.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes, Trustee Surratt: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee LaFauce: Yes

Finance: Trustee Neuman discussed with the board of a ten percent possible budget cut to the Local Government Distributed Funds in the future. Trustee Neuman encouraged the board members to get their budget request forms completed and returned for a budget hearing meeting sometime in late March since the new fiscal year starts May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. Trustee Neuman made announcement about the MFT Rebuild Illinois Survey.

Health and Safety: No Report.

Personnel: No Report.

New Business: Trustee Snyder will make sure the Village is signed up for the Wreaths Across America online that takes place in late July, early August. Trustee Neuman informed the board that he looked into a package for the board room at the village hall, so board members can be filmed during the board meetings and guest would be able to view online.

Old Business: No Report. The board members discussed the internet service issues and what can be done to get it addressed.

Liquor Control Commissioner: No Report. President Krall mentioned he was asked at the truck stop if they had to stop selling liquor at 1am or if it was 1:30am. Attorney Brokaw said that he will look into it and confirm.

Executive Session:

Motion: Trustee Neuman made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1). Trustee LaFauce seconded the motion. The Board entered executive session at approximately 7:28 p.m. utilizing a private breakout room within the virtual meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee LaFauce

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes, Trustee Surratt: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee LaFauce: Yes

Resumed open session at 8:33 PM all present.

Adjourn:

Motion: To adjourn at 8:34 P.M.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes, Trustee Surratt: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee LaFauce: Yes

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk

2/17/2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Dees". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M" and "D".