

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 21, 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 6:02 p.m. Wednesday July 21, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken and each trustees ability to hear and be heard was confirmed.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: President Mike Krall, Trustee Stephen Knox, Trustee Cindy Morris, Trustee Kris Neuman, Trustee Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Sue Spalding, Trustee Andy Surratt, Treasurer Angela Libben, Clerk Melissa Dees, and Attorney Jason Brokaw.

Absent: N/A

Audience: Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Cameron Jones Benton & Associates, and Connie Michelich.

**Consideration of the Consent Agenda:**

**Motion:** To Approve the consent agenda as presented for board meeting minutes from June 23, 2021, Treasurer's report, bills, and building permit report.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Snyder

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

**Clerk:** No Report.

**Police:** Chief of Police Terry Nydegger gave board members the monthly department report for June. Chief Nydegger informed the board about a meeting he attends twice a year with the Sangamon County Multi-jurisdictional hazardous mitigation plan. Chief Nydegger would like to pass all files to board members to review and attend the meetings going forward. The board members will meet with Chief Nydegger to discuss at a later date.

**Finance:** No Report.

**TIF:** Trustee Snyder reported to the board that they are now accepting applications for any organization or owners within the TIF district that would like to apply for funds. Trustee Snyder informed the board of one possible applicant that she reached out to and reported no current applicants at this time. President Krall brought up for discussion of creation of a new TIF District including Sangamon County Fairgrounds. The board discussed with Attorney Brokaw, and what steps are involved in order to put into place. The board will look further into and discuss at a later date.

**Utilities:** Written report submitted. Trustee Sue Spalding summarized the Superintendent's report to the board. Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates informed the board that they have been working on research and additional investment into the proposals with the contractors and sub-contractors and will have a meeting Friday to hopefully move forward with the waste water treatment project. Trustee Cindy Morris reported to the board that the chloramine conversion went ok but they are still having some difficulty with the communication with the water tower. Morris reported that the provider SCADAware look into the issues.

**Zoning:**

**Motion:** To Apply Ordinance 21-10 to approve and authorize Variations on Property Commonly Known as 406 S. Washington, belonging to Roger Furkin.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

**Streets and Parks:** Written report submitted. Trustee Stephanie Snyder went over the report with the board members. Trustee Snyder discussed the streets that need oil and chipped. Cameron Jones gave an update on the park improvements to the board. Trustee Snyder reported to the board that there were some reported lawn issues with houses that were in foreclosure, but since then they have been taken care of. The board members discussed an adaptor to a plow, the board will have to discuss this at a later date.

**Motion:** To make a proposal to Approve not to exceed \$63,000.00 to IRC to oil and chip the roads throughout New Berlin.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

**Motion:** Proposal to approve not to exceed \$20,000.00 to pulverize, grade, compact and resurface some of the streets in New Berlin; completed by Dunn Company.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

**Health and Safety:** No Report.

**Personnel:** The board discussed COVID-19 and what policies are in place to align with the CDC guidance. The board discussed different structures of possibility and decided they will go forward with drafting up a policy.

**Motion:** Motion to have Attorney Brokaw draft a COVID-19 personnel policy to review prior to implementation.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Surratt

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

**New Business:** Trustee Cindy Morris discussed with the board of a possibility of adopting the last Saturday of the month of October for Halloween tick or treating. Attorney Brokaw brought up for discussion, an ordinance for a policy allowing for remote attendance at meetings if were unable to attend a meeting in person. The board will further discuss at later date.

**Motion:** To make Trick or Treating in New Berlin on the last Saturday in October starting with October 2021 going forward.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

**Old Business:** Attorney Brokaw addressed the COVID-19 incentives on the agenda, but the board already discussed prior and were satisfied. No further discussion needed at this time.

**Liquor Control Commissioner:** No Report.

**Executive Session:** No Report.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion:** To adjourn meeting at 7:25 P.M.

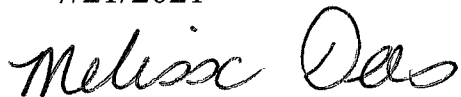
Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk  
7/21/2021

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Dees". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and date.