

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2020

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 6:00 p.m. on Monday November 16, 2020. 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 Sue Spalding, Trustee Andy Surratt, Trustee Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Kris Neuman, Trustee Sharon LaFauce, Treasurer Angie Libben, Clerk Melissa Dees, Attorney Jason Brokaw and Trustee Cindy Morris arrived late after attending the SSWC meeting.

Absent: N/A

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: To Approve the consent agenda as presented for bills, treasurer's report, building permit report and board meeting minutes from October 21, 2020.

Moved by: Trustee LaFauce

Seconded by: Trustee Snyder

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Clerk: Trustee LaFauce informed the board that the Angel Tree is at the grade school now instead of the bank if anyone would like to get a tag.

Police: Chief of Police Terry Nydegger gave the board the October department report and reported that all Officers are firearms qualified to date. Chief Nydegger also informed the board that The New Berlin Police Department assisted Loami with a few disturbances.

TIF: Trustee Snyder brought up for discussion with the board one TIF application recently submitted to consider for the next fiscal year. This applicant was in the TIF guaranteed projects back when TIF was first established in 1998.

Committee Reports

Utilities: No written report. Cameron Jones from Benton & Associates reported to the board that the wastewater project was on schedule and discussed the current wastewater construction. Mr. Jones also informed the board about the water tower demolition project and that it will need to be reassessed in the upcoming months.

Motion: To Approve **Change Order #1 for \$261,000.00** to clean out the sludge and the primary lagoon at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plant.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Surratt

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Motion: To Approve **IEPA Reimbursement Request #7.**

Moved by: Trustee Surratt

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Motion: To Approve **Change Orders #2 & #3** from Rouland Trucking and Construction in the amount of \$192.00 and \$8125.00.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee LaFauce

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Motion: To Approve **Birch St Payment Request #2** to Rouland Trucking for \$20,549.98.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee LaFauce

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Zoning: Trustee Snyder discussed with the board that there were some questions regarding solar energy panel permits and fees for commercial and residential properties. The board will inquire the appropriate fees to charge.

Streets and Parks: No written report. Trustee Snyder requested any updates on the Crosier lot rental that was discussed last month and President Krall informed the board that he spoke to the owner in regards to possibly purchasing an area of the property that the Village rock sits on. Trustee Snyder informed the board that she was contacted to see if the Village would be taking bids for mowing of the parks in the future. President Krall updated the board that Lance Connolly donated his own time and materials to pressure wash, seal and coat the New Berlin Veteran's Memorial. President Krall also mentioned that Mark Hart has been mowing the Veteran's Memorial and doing a great job.

Finance:

Motion: To Approve **Estimated Tax Levy** increase of \$123,747.00.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

Health and Safety: Trustee LaFauce gave an update to the board on an ongoing health and safety issue with an abandoned property. Trustee LaFauce informed the board that the property has been purchased and will be demolished in the near future.

Personnel: No Report.

New Business: No Report.

Old Business: No Report.

Adjourn:

Motion: To Adjourn meeting at 7:03 P.M.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk

11/16/2020

