

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2018

President Mike Krall called the meeting of the New Berlin Village Board to order at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was taken.

Attendees: Mayor Mike Krall, Trustee Andy Surratt, Trustee Cindy Morris, Trustee Sharon LaFauce, Trustee Chelsea Sartore, Treasurer Angie Libben, Clerk Kelly Yates, Attorney Jason Brokaw, Superintendents Garrett Kemp and Cody Morris, Police Chief Terry Nydegger. Trustees Stephanie Snyder and Kris Neuman were absent.

AUDIENCE: Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates, Linda Hughes, Reporter

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES: Treasurer's report to be presented at the December meeting.

MOTION: To approve consent agenda as presented, bills, building permit report, treasurer's report, regular and executive session minutes from 10-17-18.

Moved by: Trustee LaFauce

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Trustee Morris: Yes

Trustee Neuman: Absent

Trustee Sartore: Yes

Trustee LaFauce: Yes

Trustee Surratt: Yes

Trustee Snyder: Absent

Motion carried by roll call vote.

December meeting will be changed to Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. due to the upcoming Christmas holiday.

CLERK: Ordinance 2018-25 Tax Levy will be approved at the December meeting and needs to be filed by the last Tuesday in December. The estimate was voted on and approved.

MOTION: To approve the estimate of \$142,541.00 as presented provided for Ordinance 2018-25, Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Surratt

Motion passed by voice vote.

POLICE: Written report submitted. Speed watches were implemented resulting from complaints during the last meeting.

An abandoned house at #60 Frank Street is open to trespass and needs secured. Attorney Brokaw suggested sending a notice and having the door boarded shut. He will look into having a lien put on the property and will discuss further next month.

TIF: Sarah Pointer's TIF funded project should be complete.

Trustee LaFauce reported on behalf of Trustee Snyder regarding Christmas lights.

Superintendents Morris and Kemp met with Ameren regarding electrical work for Christmas lights to be funded by TIF. According to Ameren's inspection, the wiring in Wabash Park is satisfactory for Christmas lights for the 2018 holiday season. Christmas lights mounted on telephone poles are planned for the 2019 holiday season. The Village is required to supply the conduit, wire and boxes. Ameren will install the hard wiring needed on specified poles. The Village will be charged a monthly street light fee per pole per month and will be responsible for the actual decorating.

UTILITIES: Trustee Surratt continues to assist residents coping with hardship due to the increased water and sewer rates. He has two more utility hearings scheduled and he had one person that did not qualify for a hearing. Several senior citizens have contacted the Village Hall requesting help regarding the increased rates. Trustee Surratt reiterated that the bills are based on a household's usage, and has given out contact numbers for general assistance and for the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services, which opens up to multiple outreach services. A Utilities Committee Meeting is planned after Thanksgiving and that information will be shared during the December 12th board meeting.

Superintendent Kemp discussed the water level in the tower, which depleted from 27 ft to 1 foot due to an incident that occurred in Chatham, resulting in emergency water being purchased from Curran Gardner. Cameron Jones referenced the South Sangamon Water District's alarm and communication system and the need for upgrades. Trustee Morris will address the problem at the upcoming SSWC board meeting.

ZONING: No report.

STREETS AND PARKS: Written report submitted.

Superintendent Morris reported equipment is ready to plow snow.

Sign prices for the Yard Waste Facility were discussed. One sign has been posted and others are expected to follow soon. One person has been caught dumping illegally on two separate occasions resulting in fines being issued and paid.

Trustee Surratt spoke on behalf of Trustee Snyder suggesting the Village allow charging a rate for commercial dumping at the Yard Waste Facility. Consensus from the board was to decline the idea at this time.

Christmas lights were discussed again. \$10,000.00 has been budgeted and we are waiting on pricing. Trustee LaFauce recommended good decorations decently priced at Sam's Club. A motion was made and voted on to make a \$750.00 purchase from Sam's Club.

Solar Speed Limit Signs were discussed. Comparative quotes will be obtained and will be addressed at the December meeting.

Crosier Lot Rental (12/1/18 – 12/1/19) Lease Agreement was discussed and voted on.

MOTION: To approve signs for the Yard Waste Facility with reflective tape visible at night not to exceed \$750.00.

Moved by: Trustee Surratt

Seconded by: Trustee Sartore

Trustee Morris: Yes

Trustee Neuman: Absent

Trustee Sartore: Yes

Trustee LaFauce: Yes

Trustee Surratt: Yes

Trustee Snyder: Absent

Motion carried by roll call vote.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of Christmas decorations from Sam's Club, not to exceed \$750.00.

Moved by: Trustee LaFauce

Seconded by: Trustee Sartore

Trustee Morris: Yes Trustee Neuman: Absent Trustee Sartore: Yes

Trustee LaFauce: Yes Trustee Surratt: Yes Trustee Snyder: Absent

Motion carried by roll call vote.

MOTION: To approve renewal of annual Crosier Lot Rental, 12/1/18 – 12/1/19, \$1200.00, lease agreement for the upcoming year.

Moved by: Trustee LaFauce

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Trustee Morris: Yes Trustee Neuman: Absent Trustee Sartore: Yes

Trustee LaFauce: Yes Trustee Surratt: Yes Trustee Snyder: Absent

Motion carried by roll call vote.

FINANCE: No report

HEALTH AND SAFETY: A vehicle parked on the street with expired tags was reported.

PERSONNEL: No report

NEW BUSINESS: The board decided against renewing the \$500.00 one year subscription of Kennected, an E-Alert System due to errors with the program. Free alert system alternatives are available such as Remind and I-Alert. The board will discuss further next month.

A parent requested signs to be put up during football season. Permission was given by the board with the stipulation that the signs must be removed at the season's end.

The Village received requests from two property owners to vacate an alley on the south side of the railroad tracks, which was discussed and voted on. Once the property owners pay the survey fee of \$500.00 (\$250.00 for each property owner), the plat will be recorded by the county and each property owner will gain ownership of one half of the property.

MOTION: To approve Ordinance 2018-26, Vacating the Alleyway.

Moved by: Trustee LaFauce

Seconded by: Trustee Surratt

Trustee Morris: Abstain Trustee Neuman: Absent Trustee Sartore: Yes

Trustee LaFauce: Yes Trustee Surratt: Yes Trustee Snyder: Absent

Mayor Krall: Yes

Motion carried by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS: no report.

LIQUOR CONTROL: no report

MOTION: to adjourn regular session at 7:21 p.m.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee LaFauce

Trustee Morris: Yes

Trustee Neuman: Absent

Trustee Sartore: Yes

Trustee LaFauce: Yes

Trustee Surratt: Yes

Trustee Snyder: Absent

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Yates

Village Clerk