

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2023

President Mike Krall called the meeting of the New Berlin Village Board to order at 6:03 P.M. Wednesday September 20, 2023 at the Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

Attendees: President Mike Krall, Trustee Stephen Knox, Trustee Greg Lokaitis, Trustee Cindy Morris, Trustee Kris Neuman, Trustee Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Sue Spalding, Attorney Jason Brokaw, Clerk Melissa Dees, Treasurer Angie Libben, Chief of Police Terry Nydegger, Superintendent Mitch Neuman and TJ King.

Audience: Cameron Jones, Greta Myers, Zach Clements, Michael Fleshman, Scott Pepperly and Rob Brown.

Audience member Michael Fleshman introduced himself to the board members as a new resident in the community. Zach Clements updated the board members on 106 E. Ellis Street. Audience member Scott Pepperly discussed his July water bill with the board and issues he with an online payment made.

Police: Written report submitted. Chief of Police Terry Nydegger summarized his report to the board members.

Clerk: Correspondence received from Village Library Trustee Allicent Smith, inviting the board members to the library grand reopening on Saturday September 23, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

Motion: To approve the consent agenda and add to the bill list for \$500.00 to the New Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for clean-up.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

TIF: No report.

Utilities: Trustee Morris summarized the written report to the board members. Cameron Jones with Benton and Associates gave the board members the water system update and discussed the new GIS platform Diamond Maps. TJ King reported to the board members that over 200 locates have been completed.

Motion: To approve use of Diamond Maps.

Moved by: Trustee Nueman

Seconded by: Trustee Knox

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Internet: Trustee Spalding announced that all installs are completed and fiber is in the ground. Rob Brown from GHB did not have an exact number of installs to provide the board and Trustee Morris requested to have an update on those numbers.

Zoning: No report.

Streets and Parks: Trustee Snyder summarized written report with board and reported that the splashpad has been closed for the season. Trustee Snyder announced that the concrete pad was laid for the future handicap swing being installed and cameras were all installed. Trustee Snyder also reported that there was an incident with high school students writing their names on the new concrete pad and reported that President Krall is following up with the school Superintendent about the incident.

Finance: Trustee Neuman reported that auditor Cynde Foote is waiting from some information from Karen Wright and can't come to do the audit report until she receives that information.

Health and Safety: Trustee Lokaitis announced the he is working on getting more permanent signage for school area. Board members discussed the need for more police presence in the area as well. Trustee Lokaitis will discuss with Chief of Police Terry Nydegger.

New Business: Trustee Snyder announced Trick-or-Treating is on October 28, 2023 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Board members discussed upgrading or switching providers for Village cell phones, since employees can't use phones due to either not working or battery issues.

Motion: To engage with Firstnet.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Snyder

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Motion: To accept **ordinance 23-11** vacating alley and portions of streets within the Village of New Berlin.

Moved by: Trustee Knox

Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Old Business: Attorney Jason Brokaw summarized ordinance 23-12 with board members.

Motion: To accept **ordinance 23-12**.

Moved by: Trustee Spalding

Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Liquor Control Commissioner: President Krall discussed liquor licenses with the board members and operating hours.

Motion: To give President Krall authorization to approve or disapprove Shepp's special event.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Executive Session:

Motion: Trustee Morris made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:20 P.M. to discuss 5ILCS 120/2 (C)(11) and Trustee Spalding seconded the motion.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Resumed open session at 9:02 P.M.

Personnel:

Motion: To move two current temporary employees, Alex Cardwell and Sam Pearson to permanent full time employees.

Moved by: Trustee Knox

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: No, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Motion: Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:04 P.M.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Trustee Knox: Yes, Trustee Lokaitis: Yes, Trustee Morris: Yes, Trustee Neuman: Yes, Trustee Snyder: Yes, Trustee Spalding: Yes.

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk

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