

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 15, 2023

President Mike Krall called the meeting of the New Berlin Village Board to order at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday November 15, 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 Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Sue Spalding, Attorney Jason Brokaw, Clerk Melissa Dees, Treasurer Angie Libben, Superintendent Mitch Neuman and Chief of Police Terry Nydegger.

**Audience:** Cameron Jones with Benton and Associates, Rob Brown, Greta Myers, Craig Hall, Andy Goleman and Jim Allmon.

Audience member and Sangamon County Auditor, Andy Goleman introduced himself to the board members and gave a brief description of duties and responsibilities of the Sangamon County Auditors office. Sangamon County Coroner, Jim Allmon introduced himself to the board members and announced that Sangamon County purchased the old State Journal Register building on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Springfield and Sangamon County will now have its own morgue and storage inside of the building.

**Police:** Written report submitted and summarized by Chief of Police Terry Nydegger. Chief Nydegger reported to the board members that there is a metal door in need of repair at the hall.

**Clerk:** No report.

**Consideration of the Consent Agenda:**

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda with marked changes on the bill list.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

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

**TIF:** Village Attorney Jason Brokaw address the board members about a delinquent TIF report notification received. Trustee Snyder will reach out to confirm that report was received.

**Utilities:** No written report. Carmeron Jones gave the wastewater update and reported that Kinney Contractors was being closed out and Kamadulski started working today on the lagoon. Trustee Morris reported that there are two Angel Trees, one located at the Village Hall office and the other at the elementary school.

**Internet:** Trustee Spalding reported that there were 194 customers signed up for the internet. Rob Brown reported that there is now a 2-gig package available for internet service. Trustee Morris requested that she would like the amount of revenue that the Village is collecting out of the 194 signed up.

**Zoning:** No Report.

**Streets and Parks:** Written report submitted and was summarized by Trustee Snyder. Trustee Snyder reported that leaf pickup is starting and to have leaves at the end of yard for clean-up. Superintendent Mitch Neuman reported that he sent correspondence to Trustee Snyder in regards to a new gate at the splash pad. Trustee Snyder said it will be added for next month's meeting. Trustee Snyder informed board members that she has been working on a "did you know" section of the New Berlin Bee for Village residents. Trustee Snyder reported that the sidewalk project is moving along well. Board needs to renew the lease agreement with James and Tonya Crosier lot rental for December 1, 2023 through December 1, 2024.

**Motion:** To approve lease renewal for Crosier lot rental 12-01-23 through 12-01-24 in the amount of \$3000.00.

Moved by: Trustee Synder

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

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

**Motion:** To approve supplemental resolution for MFT funds spent in 2022 to accompany the revised maintenance expenditure statement.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

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

**Finance:** No report. President Krall reported that he spoke with Cynthia Foote, CPA in regards to the audit review. Attorney Brokaw went over levy and assessment of taxes for the Village of New Berlin.

**Motion:** To approve **ordinance 2023-13** approval of levy and assessment of taxes for the Village of New Berlin for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 in the amount of \$111,830.70.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

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

**Health and Safety:** Trustee Lokaitis spoke with Chief Nydegger in regards to adding more patrol in the school area. Board members discussed an on-going issue with someone burning near the railroad. Board members agree that the railroad patrol needs to be contacted so the issue is reported.

**Personnel:** No report.

**New Business:** President Krall announced to the board members that the 1999 Ford needs to be replaced. President Krall had a quote from Smoky Jennings in Springfield for the truck and a quote for installation of lights and a snow plow from Woody's for board members to review. President Krall would like to purchase with the lease option through the bank once the audit is completed.

**Motion:** To approve purchase of dump truck, snow plow and lights subject to pending approval of audit.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Knox

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

**Old Business:** No report.

**Liquor Control Commissioner:** No report.

**Executive Session:**

**Motion:** Trustee Spalding made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss 5ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) and Trustee Lokaitis seconded the motion.

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

**Resumed open session at 8:45 P.M.**

**Motion:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk

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