

## Village of New Berlin Board Meeting Minutes

6 pm on Feb. 19, 2025

Mayor Mike Krall and Trustees Kris Neuman, Greg Lokaitis, Cindy Morris, Sue Spalding (on phone) and Stephanie Synder. Absent: Trustee Knox. Additional Attendees: Clerk Debbie Lakamp, Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Atty Jason Brokaw, Mitch Neuman, Deputy Clerk Amanda Lazzara, Chief Terry Nydegger, Drew Berger, Cameron Jones (Benton & Assoc), Fank Lesko (6:28 pm)

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order by Mayor Krall at 6:03 p.m.

### Roll Call:

Trustee Neuman—Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Absent

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes- left 7:06 pm

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes (phone)

Mayor Mike Krall-Yes

**Audience:** No comments.

**Police:** Written Report. Chief Nydegger reported a patrol of bank and Dollar General at closing times. Assisted Loami PD twice and Sangamon County Sheriff Department. Body cameras are in use.

**Clerk:** No Report

**Motion:** Move to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis      Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carries.

Trustee Neuman—Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Absent

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

**Zoning:** Atty Brokaw noted that the Village Zoning Superintendent Zach Clemons will be filing a personal zoning request.

### Committee Reports

**Streets/Parks**—Written Report. Ellis Street is back to two-way traffic. Atty Brokaw will draft an ordinance for the March meeting, if needed. Village Clean Up will be May 31, 2025, recycling and BLH Computers. Village Garage Sale is June 6-7, 2025.

**Finance**— Written Treasurer's Report. Clerk Lakamp shared research resulting in overpayment letters to trustees that will be forthcoming by an item identified in the Audit. There is a need to contact Locis for a few financial items. Review of items Amanda Lazzara, Deputy Clerk, learned in Locis. Discussion that online payments offered no financial checks and balances. Treasurer Libben is working on balancing January 2025.

**Utilities**— Written report. Water Superintendent did not attend the Water Conference due to illness. Discussion of Water Superintendent time off. Door hangers are out, and good progress is being made on collecting delinquent water accounts. There is a potential SRF grant for the replacement of the Terminal Lift Station. The initial estimate is \$550,000-\$750,000 per engineer to fix if the lift station goes down. In addition, if it goes down the system will not work. SRF Grant has a loan application, which is due on March 31, 2025, and is the same program as used in upgrading the wastewater plant.

**Motion:** To have Benton & Associates prepare SRF grant for terminal lift station.

Moved by: Trustee Morris      Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carries.

Trustee Neuman—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Absent

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

**Phone System:** Village Internet is still being paid for by Village Phone Bill. That needs cancelled. Deputy Clerk Lazzara presented the current phone bill comparison and monthly costs to move to VOIP system.

**Motion:** To move to VOIP Phone System by Heart/Ring Central as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis      Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carries.

Trustee Neuman—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Absent

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

**TIF:** Mr. Shawcraft requests two parcels attached to TIF but wants to remove one parcel from TIF and needs an Ordinance to accomplish this act.

**Old Business** — Trustee Lokaitis would like to run a contest for the design of a Village & Community Flag. After discussion of prize levels and process to vote on this at the March 2025 meeting.

**Liquor**— No Report

**Motion:** To go into Executive Session regarding purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. (5ILCS 120/2c (5), and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) - The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carries.

Trustee Neuman—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Absent

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

**Go into Executive Session at 7:13 pm**

**Return to Regular Session at 7:36 pm**

**Motion:** To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Motion carries. Adjournment at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp

Village Clerk