

Village of New Berlin Board Meeting Minutes
6:01 pm on July 16, 2025

Audience Attendees: Deb & Roger Furkin, Mark Witt, Drew Burger, Cam Jones, Mark Steger, Sam Pearson, Maggie Duckworth, Chelsea Sartore, and two others **Additional Attendees:** Treasurer Casey Binkley, Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Water Superintendent Korrie Davis, Attorney Jason Brokaw, Deputy Clerk Amanda Lazzara.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order by Mayor Krall at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call:

Trustee Casson—Yes (virtual)	Trustee Stephanie Synder-Yes (virtual)	Mayor Mike Krall-Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes	
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes	

Audience: The Board was asked if there would be any discussion about the acquisition of the Baptist Church property. Residents expressed concern about a recent Facebook post made by Mayor Krall regarding a possible acquisition and moving of the Village Hall location. Mayor Krall mentioned that a special meeting dedicated to this topic might be held in the future.

Clerk: Deputy Clerk Lazzara read aloud a letter submitted by Michael Lee, who was unable to be present for the meeting. The letter addressed the recent Facebook post made by Mayor Krall regarding a possible acquisition of the Baptist Church property and the moving of the Village Hall location. The letter expressed concerns about the Village's financial position, and the effect of the acquisition, and called for Mayor Krall to publicly disclose any potential conflicts of interest related to such ventures.

Police: Written Report. Chief Nydegger reported that the county department was short officers, so the New Berlin PD and Loami PD helped to fill in gaps for security at the Sangamon County Fair. Officers made 32 traffic stops in June for a variety of reasons. The Village received \$80 in traffic fines from the Sangamon County Circuit Court. The radar in the police cruiser is inactive and needs to be replaced; Chief Nydegger presented two quotes for refurbished equipment to consider for replacement.

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Morris	Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis
Motion carries.	

Trustee Casson —Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder-Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Zoning: Written report – 3 building permits approved and issued.

Committee Reports

Utilities—Written Report. Deputy Clerk Lazzara and Water Superintendent Korrie Davis are working together on an asset inventory audit to check and verify physical meter locations.

Internet—No report

Streets & Parks—Written Report. Mitch noted that the concrete milling at the dump pile has been completed. Trustee Casson was approached by someone who is interested in purchasing some of the ground rock and was instructed to direct them to Attorney Brokaw. A new round of OSLAD grants has been announced; any potential projects need to be presented to engineers by August 1st. Trustee Snyder received a bid of \$5,000 from Blake Kemp to renew the landscaping at the Veteran’s Memorial. Trustee Snyder will check to see if landscaping can be covered with TIF funding, and report back.

Finance— Treasurer Binkley reported that all accounts are reconciled and up to date, except for the General Fund. A call with LOCIS is scheduled for July 29th to finalize the General Fund reconciliation for April. Deputy Clerk Lazzara has requested an audit extension with the Comptroller’s Office, and Treasurer Binkley has used the Comptroller’s recommended search engine to reach out to 14 more audit firms to request an annual financial audit, but she has not received any responses to date.

Motion: To adopt Ordinance 25-10 Annual Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year 2026

Moved by: Trustee Spalding Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

Motion carries.

Trustee Casson—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder-Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Health & Safety- Greg Morris announced his resignation as ESDA coordinator. Attorney Brokaw gave an update on 76 Frank St – a complaint for demolition will be filed with the Circuit Court by the next regular board meeting on August 20th, and an update will be given at that time. Once the property owner is served, there will be a 30-day period for response. 60 Frank St is in active foreclosure and Jason is monitoring that status.

Personnel—Executive Session discussion

Old Business—

New Business—

Trustee Snyder posed a question to Attorney Brokaw to see if there is anything the Village can do to reduce the number of properties that have old vehicles, parts, etc. sitting on the property. Trustees Snyder and Lokaitis will meet with Attorney Brokaw to go over specific properties and assess possible ordinance violations.

Ordinance 25-11 Administrative Tow Process Fee was presented for consideration. This ordinance allows the Village to impose an administrative fee on towed vehicles to recoup lost wages as a result of the tow process.

Ordinance 25-12 was presented for consideration to adopt an updated Building Code. To pass this ordinance, the Village will need to acquire 3 copies of each of the codebooks referenced and keep them for inspection at Village Hall for 30 days prior to adoption. Jason will work with Zoning Administrator Zach Clements and Deputy Clerk Lazzara on acquisitions of the necessary codebooks.

The Village has received three TIF applications; one from the West Sangamon Public Library for \$19,150 to replace the air conditioner; a second application was received to replace the sidewalks in front of the school building on E Ellis St; a third application was received from JoMax Storage to replace springs on the garage doors.

Motion: To approve use of TIF, not to exceed \$19,500, to replace the air conditioning unit at the West Sangamon Public Library.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carries.

Trustee Casson—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder - Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Motion: To accept bid from JLP Concrete to replace the sidewalks in front of the New Berlin Jr./Sr. High School on Ellis St., not to exceed \$32,000 from TIF.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder	Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis
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Motion carries.

Trustee Casson—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder - Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Motion: To approve Ordinance 25-13 Vacating a Portion of Jackson Street.

Moved by: Trustee Morris	Seconded by: Trustee Spalding
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Motion carries.

Trustee Casson—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder - Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

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Motion: To move into Executive Session for reasons on the agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis	Seconded by: Trustee Morris
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Motion carries at 7:53 pm.

Trustee Neuman—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Return to Regular session at 8:31 pm

Motion: To approve a 5% hourly pay increase for Village employees Alexander Cardwell & Sam Pearson, effective retroactively to May 1, 2025.

Moved by: Trustee Knox	Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis
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Motion carries.

Trustee Neuman—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion Carries. Adjournment at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Lazzara

Deputy Clerk