

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2022

On December 8, 2022, the Governor, pursuant to Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/7), issued a disaster proclamation due to COVID-19 disaster that included all counties in the state of Illinois. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7(e), the Village President, as head of the public body, has determined that an in-person meeting may not be practical or prudent and that attendance at the regular meeting location may not be feasible because of the declared disaster, the concerns identified in the December 8th Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the High community level of COVID-19. For these reasons, members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may utilize the following alternative arrangement to listen by telephone or web-based link.

President Mike Krall called the meeting of the New Berlin Village Board to order at 6:03 P.M. Wednesday December 21, 2022 at the Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

Attendees: President Mike Krall, Trustee Stephen Knox, Trustee Kris Neuman, Trustee Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Sue Spalding, Trustee Andy Surratt, Treasurer Angie Libben, Clerk Melissa Dees, Superintendent Garrett Kemp and Superintendent Mitch Neuman. Trustee Cindy Morris joined the meeting via Zoom.

Audience: Cameron Jones with Benton and Associates, Rob Brown, Samantha Bobor, Vivian Amiewalan, Xairiki Agnew all attended the meeting in person and Greta Meyers joined the meeting via Zoom.

Audience member Xairiki Agnew with Leaf Guard informed the board members that he stopped by the park and looked at the gutters on the new shower house and reported that he did see some deterioration. Agnew gave the board a full demonstration of their product and the background history on the company. The board members asked for a quote on the product, and Agnew provided board with the information they requested. The board members will discuss and add to the next board meeting agenda.

Audience member Vivian Amiewalan approached the board members in regards to notification by the Village of ordinance violations. Amiewalan

denied existence of the violations. Trustee Surratt explained that the letter is sent out as a warning from the Village. If the violations are unfounded or have been corrected, no further action is required.

Police: No report.

Clerk: Correspondence was received, a thank you card to the board members from former Deputy Clerk.

Consideration of the Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

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

TIF: No report.

Committee Reports

Utilities: Written report submitted. Superintendent Kemp summarized his written report to the board members. Kemp discussed a new water report that he generated that will show the percentages of water used verses the amount of water lost and the amounts of chlorine in the water for each month. Trustee Morris informed the board that the water commission is proposing an average for the four months of excessive flushing by taking the averages from those months from the past three years. The board members discussed the water issues and will continue to inspect and document.

Internet: Rob Brown gave the board members the fiber install update and reported everything is going well and should have all the customers that have signed up completed by January 2023. Brown reported to board that he found a fiber line cut in a vault today and claimed that it was the second one that was cut and believes it was vandalism. Trustee Knox requested a police report as soon as possible.

Zoning: Trustee Surratt announced that the board members met with Don Craven in regards to the ordinance 2022-09. Trustee Surratt announced that there will be a zoning meeting held at the Village Hall in January at a later date.

Motion: To approve **Ordinance 2022-09** approving petition to rezone certain property within the Village of New Berlin, Illinois.

Moved by: Trustee Surratt

Seconded by: Trustee Knox

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

Streets and Parks: Written report submitted. Superintendent Mitch Neuman reported the condition of the holiday flags to the board and suggested that they should be replaced. The board members asked Neuman to start researching and present to board at a later date. Superintendent Neuman also reported that the no parking signs were installed uptown for the upcoming snow storm and also mentioned that the blue Ford truck was at the shop getting looked at for possible repairs.

Finance: Trustee Neuman recapped the levy and assessment of taxes to the board members.

Motion: To approve **Ordinance 2022-08** the levy and assessment of taxes for the Village of New Berlin, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Surratt

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

Health and Safety: Trustee Knox reported that the county health and safety meeting was cancelled and will reschedule for next month.

Personnel: Trustee Surratt announced that all department heads met and had discussions with the staff. Trustee Surratt also mentioned that all departments will have their upcoming evaluations and will be completed by the January board meeting.

New Business: Board members discussed Integrity Energy and decided to table discussion until they have more information.

Motion: To approve special event liquor license for Flatlanders Chapter of the National Wild Turkey federation “Hunting Heritage Banquet” February 4, 2023 at Sangamon County Fairgrounds.

Moved by: Trustee Surratt

Seconded by: Trustee Knox

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

Old Business: Trustee Morris asked about the software update that the Deputy clerk uses. Trustee Neuman, Deputy Clerk Wright and Treasurer Libben attended an online demo for Locis 8 to view the upgraded features to the program. Trustee Morris informed the board that the emergency sirens will be tested annually and there is a fee for the testing so it will need to be budgeted accordingly. Board will add to agenda for budget item in March.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:52 P.M.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Knox

Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk

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