

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2022

The Village President determined that an in-person meeting was not practical or prudent and that the attendance at the regular meeting location is not feasible based upon the concerns identified in the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation related to COVID-19. Therefore, the meeting was held via alternative arrangements pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7, specifically Zoom web Conference and teleconference.

President Mike Krall called the meeting of the New Berlin Village Board to order at 6:01 P.M. Wednesday February 16, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken and each trustee's ability to hear and be heard was confirmed.

Attendees: President Mike Krall, Trustee Stephen Knox, Trustee Cindy Morris, Trustee Kris Neuman, Trustee Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Sue Spalding, Trustee Andy Surratt, Treasurer Angela Libben, Clerk Melissa Dees, Attorney Jason Brokaw and Police Chief Terry Nydegger.

Audience: Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates, Greta Myers, and Eric Shangraw.

Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented for board meeting minutes from January 19, 2022, Treasurer's report and bills.

Moved by: Trustee Knox

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Clerk: No Report.

Police: Chief of Police Terry Nydegger presented his January report to the board members. Chief Nydegger informed the board that the department participated in a training exercise at the New Berlin High School with the Loami PD and the school superintendent. The Chief report that the department assisted the County and Loami police departments during the month. Chief Nydegger announced the new officer, James Poppenhouse was sworn in on January 30, 2022 to the New Berlin police department.

TIF: No report.

Utilities: Written report submitted. Trustee Spalding summarized the superintendents report to the board members. Cameron Jones from Benton and associates went over the SRF reimbursement request #15 for the WWTP and presented consideration of the WWTP contractor's request for change order. The board members discussed and tabled the approval of cellular water meters and installation due to the board members wanting the superintendent's to be present to discuss.

Motion: To approve **SRF Reimbursement Request #15** for the WWTP.

Moved by: Trustee Spalding

Seconded by: Trustee Surratt

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Motion: To purchase Jumping Jack compactor in the amount of \$2600.00.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Surratt

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Streets and Parks: Written report submitted. Trustee Snyder reported that Cameron Jones with Benton and Associates were working on the splash pad park project to see where the needed adjustments can be made. Snyder brought up for discussion with the board members on the mowing bid contracts, the board unanimously agreed for one-year contracts. The board agrees to post open bids for next month's board meeting in March.

Zoning: No report.

Finance: No report.

Health and Safety: Board members discussed a residential property that is unsafe and determined they will have a letter sent for response.

Personnel: Trustee Surratt informed board members that the 2022 sexual harassment training must be completed by all members that receive any money from the Village.

New Business: No report.

Old Business: Eric Shangraw from GFL Environmental discussed a five-year proposal with the board members for a village wide solid waste removal. The board members discussed a bid to heat and insulate the shop garage, but determined that they would like to see another bid before they make a final decision. Trustee Neuman reported that he met with Synergy and got a bid of \$12,250.00 to set up audio visual technology in the village hall. Neuman reported that the bid was lower than a previous bid they received and he will have that on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting. Trustee Morris discussed with the board about going back to in-person board meetings. President Krall will check into a possible March regular meeting session.

Motion: To ask for final contract for consideration to GFL Environmental.

Moved by: Trustee Knox

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Liquor Control Commissioner: No report.

Executive Session:

Motion: Trustee Neuman made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - personnel and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)- the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. The Village Attorney explained that there has been a dispute over defective work in the lagoon construction project. For some time, the parties to the construction have tried to self-mediate a resolution and have conducted a number of meetings to date. The parties are about to enter into what could be the final of such meetings and if the parties fail to reach a full resolution of all the pending issues, then a legal action in the form of a lawsuit or arbitration will be commenced by either the Contractor or the Village. Trustee Neuman moved that the board finds that an action is probable or imminent based upon the explanation provided by the Village Attorney and that on that basis the Board should enter closed session.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Resumed open session at 9:25 PM roll call taken and all present.

Adjourn:

Motion: To adjourn at 9:27 P.M.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk
2/16/2022