

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2022

President Mike Krall called the meeting of the New Berlin Village Board to order at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday September 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 Cindy Morris, Trustee Kris Neuman, Trustee Stephanie Snyder, Trustee Andy Surratt, Attorney Jason Brokaw, Treasurer Angie Libben, Clerk Melissa Dees, Superintendent Kyle Hester and Superintendent Garrett Kemp. Trustee Sue Spalding attended via Zoom conference call that was pre-arranged.

Audience: Cameron Jones from Benton and Associates, Greta Meyers, Stefanie Ballinger, Rob Brown, Diane Payne, Rich Behl, Brett Thomas, and Dan Pittman.

Village resident Rich Behl reported to the board members that he made a report on a certain property last year and would like to follow up on it. Mr. Behl reported he looked up residential non reforming use of residential property in residential zoning and reported that there is a semi-truck trailer there being used for storage purpose on the certain property. Behl reported according to article 4 that is not allowed on residential property. Mr. Behl asked the board members what steps the Village will take to address the ongoing issues. The board members asked Mr. Behl to give Trustee Knox of health and safety all of the information he collected and he will talk with Chief Nydegger and follow up with the complaint.

Audience member Dan Pittman, introduced himself to the board members and announced that he is running for Sangamon County Treasurer. He reported if elected he would like to utilize the Village Hall to send employees out to meet with local citizens that would have questions pertaining to property taxes.

Village resident Diane Payne addressed the board members about a certain resident in the village that is allegedly burning their trash and other household items instead of using a trash service and also reported several incidents of indecent exposure.

Police: No written report. Trustee Neuman reported to the board members that the police department is in need of a new PC. Neuman received two quotes and reported he could purchase one online from Dell with a thirteen-hundred-dollar savings.

Motion: The approve the purchase of a new computer for the police department for \$1700.00.

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

Clerk: Correspondence received from former deputy clerk, Mary Pfeffer thanking the board members for the bonus she received at retirement.

Consideration of the Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as proposed for board meeting minutes from August 17, 2022, special board meeting minutes from August 22, 2022, Treasurer's report from August 31, 2022, bills and building permit report.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

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

TIF: Trustee Snyder reported the first half of legal and administrative fees are due to Jacob & Klein.

Motion: To pay Jacob & Klein in the amount of \$5,776.50.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

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

Committee Reports

Utilities: Written report submitted. Superintendent Kemp summarized the written report to board members. Kemp reported to the board that he is also working on water quality changes by flushing out the water tank. Trustee Morris asked Superintendent Kemp about the levels and how long the issues have been going on. Trustee Morris requested that Superintendent Kemp contact the water commission about the level issues. Rob Brown with GHB Enterprise LLC, gave the fiber install report to the board. Brown reported that phase one is complete and they are still on track for October 1, 2022.

Motion: To approve fairgrounds west phase 2 installation of fiber internet service from Olive Street west including Illinois, Birch, Yates and Gibson streets including Cuatro Amigos Mexican restaurant and waive the requirements of competitive bidding in the amount of \$448,000.00 which \$142,000.00 out of the TIF funds and \$306,000.00 out of general funds as noted on invoice.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman

Seconded by: Trustee Knox

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

Zoning: No report.

Streets and Parks: Written report submitted. Trustee Snyder summarized the written report and reported that Superintendent Hester has been working out issues with the splashpad this past month. Trustee Morris reported that she spoke with Jamie Headen with Benton and Associates and discussed issues. Trustee Morris wants a special meeting with Jamie Headen and the board members to discuss

issues with splashpad and all board members agreed. All board members agreed that they will hold off on north park improvement pay request #6 from Benton and Associates. Stefanie Ballinger presented the preliminary engineering agreement for safe route to school project details to the board members.

Motion: To approve \$25,000.00 from MFT funds for preliminary engineering agreement for safe routes to school project.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

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

Finance: Trustee Neuman reported that he is watching the funds since there are a lot of big projects going on.

Health and Safety: Trustee Snyder reported that she has received a few calls about a certain residence that has been an ongoing issue for a few years and would like to see the property issues taken care of. Trustee Snyder also reported that Judy Marr sent letters to board members in regards to an issue with a certain residence needing cars removed. Trustee Knox will follow up on the complaint.

Personnel: Trustee Surratt discussed with the board members that they are going to do some shuffling of Superintendents. Kyle Hester will be working full time with the internet department and Mitch Neuman will take over on the streets and parks full time. Trustee Surratt also reported that they will need to do a six-month review for Karen Wright, who took the new deputy clerk position.

New Business: Brent Thomas GIS specialist with Illinois Emergency Management introduced himself and is volunteering his time to work on a new zoning map and will coordinate with Superintendent Kemp. Trustee Snyder gave a reminder that Halloween trick-or-treating will be on Saturday October 29th from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Old Business: The board of trustees discussed possible dates for a retirement party in October for the former deputy clerk.

Liquor Control Commissioner: No report.

Executive Session: Trustee Stephanie Snyder made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:50 PM to discuss personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and trustee Morris seconded the motion.

Moved by: Trustee Snyder

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 8:53 PM all present.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:54 P.M.

Moved by: Trustee Spalding

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Melissa Dees, Village Clerk
9/21/2022