

Village of New Berlin Board Meeting Minutes

6:02 pm on June 18, 2025

Audience Attendees: Maggie Duckworth, Sam Pearson, Mith Neuman, Rob Brown, Nancy Sebok, Lois Grubb, Don Grable, Mike Cody, Kevin & Katrina Periman, Greg Hardwood, **Additional Attendees:** Treasurer Casey Binkley, Clerk Debbie Lakamp, Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Amanda Lazzara (Deputy Clerk).

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order by Mayor Krall at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Audience: . The Board was asked to consider vacating Jackson St., a Village property between Mike Cody's and Connie & Lois Grubb's properties. The Board was notified of neighbors' concerns regarding 56 Bourbaki.

Clerk: No Report

Police: Written Report. Chief Nydegger reported officer May 30 traffic stops in May for a variety of reasons. The Village received \$58 in April and \$228 in May for traffic fines from the Sangamon County Circuit Court. Office trained with Loami PD. The chief is working on a new towing policy for the Board to consider. The Department had a strong presence at the Sangamon County Fair. Trustee Knox complimented the officers about their work during the event.

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

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

Zoning: Individuals are putting up structures without a building permit. It was noted that portable buildings do not require a permit but stick built buildings to require a permit.

Committee Reports

Utilities—Written Report

Internet—The Village will send a letter to Limbaugh Construction regarding Internet infrastructure damage. The pipe under the road at Gibson St. needs to be replaced to extend service to a customer. Rob Brown addressed the Board about his communications with FCC, NTIA, ICC and Illinois Broadband regarding customer registration with these agencies and the possible need for the Village to register customers with these agencies. He also shared a communication regarding his understanding of Internet billing and customer choice on what utilities they chose to pay. He also stated only three people pay him directly for the Internet. Mr. Brown also stated to the Village that the Internet was not for sale as this would require disconnecting Berlin & Loami.

Streets & Parks—Written Report. A need for a sidewalk in front of the high school was stated. A question has been posed regarding the use of TIF funds for this project.

Motion: To accept proposal from IRC to do rock and chip for \$41,704.75.

Moved by: Trustee Casson	Seconded by: Trustee Knox
Motion carries.	
Trustee Casson —Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder-Absent
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Mitch Neuman noted a Village truck was broken down. Mayor Krall will make a call regarding repairs.

Finance—

Treasurer Binkley reported that monthly reconciliations from April forward. Locis informed Binkley that they had been handling Village documents and reconciliations in the program for six months. The person who does this at Locis was not available until July 29 to provide any instruction or assistance. Locis also relayed that New Berlin staff training the program was not correct. Binkley has been looking for new audit firm for the Village. It is not going well as firms are not willing to work with a Village that's most recent audit is so flawed. She reported two more declines in just the last week. Binkley requested feedback from the Board members regarding the June budget proposal that was distributed. There needs to be \$271,000 cut to balance the budget. A budget with a deficit of \$468,000 was approved for the last fiscal year. The MFT fund remains in deficit.

Health & Safety- Trustee Lokaitis will call Sangamon Co. Environmental Health to inquire about the possibility of implementing emergency health protections at 402 Clover Lane. Attorney Brokaw reported that 60 Frank St is in foreclosure and another property of concern is moving through processes so Village can act.

Sangamon County has updated codes and through an intergovernmental agreement. Sangamon County keeps permit fees to do the intergovernmental agreement. Attorney comes in by hearing officers, can enter orders, then goes to circuit court and goes from 90 days process to 30-day process. Trustee Lokaitis will investigate it. A review of regulations regarding vehicles parked on properties, including permissible practices and the timing of notification letters was discussed

Personnel—Executive Session discussion

Old Business—None

New Business--

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2025-9 amending Chapter 7, Article VI of the Village of New Berlin Code to set the fee for video gaming terminals.

Moved by: Trustee Morris	Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis
Motion carries 4-1 vote.	

Trustee Casson —Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder- Absent
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—No	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

A discussion on removing the concrete dam in creek at old water plant to prevent flooding in farm fields. Village needs to see if there are any Department of Natural Resources implications.

Liquor-

Motion: To approve Brandt's Liquor Permit for July 25, 2025.

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

Trustee Casson—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder- Absent
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Trustee Lokaitis—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

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

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

Motion carries at 7:46 pm

Trustee Casson—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Absent

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Return to Regular session at 9:03 pm

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion Carries. Adjournment at 9:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Village Clerk