

Village of New Berlin Board Meeting Minutes

6:05 pm on April 16, 2025

Additional Attendees: Treasurer Angie Libben, Clerk Debbie Lakamp, Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Atty Jason Brokaw, Cameron Jones (Bennett & Assoc), Cori Davis, Amanda Lazzara (Deputy Clerk). **Audience:** Drew Berger, Casey Binkley, Chris Knepler, John Wessel, Mark Simpson, Norman Casson, Zach Clemons, Cindy Moore

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order by Mayor Krall at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Audience: Casey Binkley asked for assistance from the Village Board to expediate property clean up at 76 Frank and that 60 Frank Street property be placed on the Village's clean up list for action. Discussion of property clean up locations and process took place.

Clerk: Nothing

Police: Written Report. Chief Nydegger reported more citations than usual. Police are attempting to be in the area when businesses are closing and making deposits. Police did some training with Loami Police Dept.

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

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

Zoning: No Report

Committee Reports

Streets/Parks— Written Report. Splash Pad bathrooms are usable. The Splash Pad opening is targeted towards the end of May depending on the weather. Pepsi is ready to put in vending machines at Splash Pad. Hometown Grant is out, and Trustee Snyder will explore options.

Veteran's Memorial clean up will occur before Memorial Day. Heritage Girls group will assist with the clean-up. There was discussion on obtaining a bid from Blake Kemp to redo the landscaping at the Memorial.

Motion: To add vending machines for 2025 Splash Pad season at no cost to the Village.

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

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Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

The new sidewalk was re-seeded with grass today.

Finance—

Trustee Neuman reported Deputy Clerk Amanda Lazzara has officially taken over Village payroll. Health insurance payments have been re-instated. IMRF payment is off in Locis, and a solution is being worked on. Trustee Neuman gave farewell comments to the Board as he will not be returning according to the Mayoral election results. He listed all the items he had returned and signatories he had been removed from prior to the end of his term.

Trustee Neuman shared that Zumbahlen & Eyth sent a letter that the firm was resigning from Village auditing services effective on April 30, 2025. Discussion was held on if there is a standard RFP for hiring an audit firm and suggested the Village attorney be consulted on the proper process.

Trustee Neuman also addressed Motor Fuel Tax Funds. He stated that MFT Funds were overused in FY2024 and this was a timing issue since FEMA Funds had not yet been received. He noted -\$47,647 in the MFT Fund that needed to be further explored. Questioned if a sidewalk grant was being reflected. There is -\$31,143.50 in the Internet Fund. It has never been positive. Questioned if it was a collections issue.

He noted a budget hearing needed to be held at the next meeting and that all budget requests should be given to the Treasurer.

Trustee Neuman reflected on the last eight years on the Board and thanked his colleague. The room applauded him.

Motion: To approve Ordinance 2025-06 supplemental appropriation of sums to defray expenses and liabilities of the Village.

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

Trustee Neuman—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes
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Health & Safety —Brief discussion on dilapidated homes in Windrow.

Personnel—Trustee Knox reported that employee evaluation have been completed and signed. Compensation can be discussed in the Executive Session.

Old Business—

Trustee Lokaitis reviewed a flag contest for Village and how entry forms were going to be distributed. DSL removing was discussed. It has been turned off.

New Business—

Motion: To approve the 2025 Motor Fuel Tax not to exceed \$50,500.

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

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

Trustee Snyder asked if it was possible to have Trustee and Appointed Officials with Village emails. The consensus was to have Deputy Clerk set those up for everyone. She also brought up Village Internet speed and temporary outages. Drew Berger, who was in the audience and works for Rob Brown, took notes addressing the concerns and shared her phone number so she could be notified and address any concerns.

Liquor- All licenses are due. Discussion on short-term license for Capone's due to their announced permanent closure.

General comment: No update on Terminal Lift Station.

TIF: Trustee Snyder reviewed how the TIF District was set up and how it operates in response to some social media questions during the election cycle. She noted that the TIF expires in 2028.

Motion: To briefly adjourn, take a brief break and then go into Executive Session.

Moved by: Trustee Neuman **Seconded by:** Trustee Lokaitis

Motion carries at 7:05 pm

Return to Regular session at 7:39 pm

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Morris **Seconded by:** Trustee Spalding

Motion Carries. Adjournment at 7:39 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Village Clerk