

Village of New Berlin Board Meeting Minutes

6 pm on Aug. 21, 2024

Mayor Mike Krall and Trustees Greg Lokaitis, Stephen Knox, Kris Neuman, Cindy Morris, Sue Spalding and Stephanie Synder. Additional Attendees: Treasurer Angie Libben, Clerk Debbie Lakamp, Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Ben (Bennett & Assoc), Mike Chalcraft, Rob Brown, Cardwell and Mitch Neuman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order by Mayor Krall at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Motion: To approve Ordinance 24-07, a Zoning Petition to amend the zoning classification of 207 S. Olive in the Village of New Berlin from residential to commercial.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Knox

Trustee Neuman—Yes	Trustee Stephanie Synder- No	
Trustee Lokaitis—Yes	Trustee Cindy Morris—No	
Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes	Trustee Sue Spalding—No	Mayor Krall—Yes

Motion: Carries on a roll call vote.

Audience: Tom Knust and Janet McGuire attended to inquire about the Village paying for a damaged roof from Aug. 23, 2023. The tree that fell was on Village property. Village insurer denied the claim. Mike Chalcraft wants to build a 40 x40 garage at 720 E. Birch. After discussion, it was determined the best course of action was for him to visit the County Assessor's Office and merge his lots.

Clerk:

Motion: Move to approve the July 2024 Executive Minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Spalding Seconded by: Trustee Morris

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

Motion carries.

Motion: Move to approve the Aug. 12, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Spalding Seconded by: Trustee Morris

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

Election Packets for April 1, 2025, are available at Village Hall. Three Trustee positions and the mayor's position are up for re-election.

Police: Written Report. Replacement doors are needed at Village Hall.

TIF – Submission of grant for pickle ball court was not submitted by Village due to concern regarding matching funds.

Committee Reports

Utilities—Trustee Morris reported the resignation of TJ King. The water position will need to be posted. Ben has shown Alex & Mitch how to do the water testing. Mitch was directed to call the plumbing company regarding fixing a leak and to look at the leak as Shepp's. Alex will be going to a complimentary JULIE class later in the fall.

Internet—Trustee Spalding reported six new customers. Village employees to learn how to put maps into Locis.

Streets/Parks—Road patches have been done and look great. Splash Pad has been inspected and tested. It passed and the license has been issued. Discussion where to install speed bumps in future. Discussion also of setting up some speed traps to slow people down on Village streets.

Finance— Trustee Neuman reviewed the interim billing plan until Village staffing hired.

Health & Safety — Trustee Lokaitis discussed value of Village hiring two additional police officers.

Personnel— Recommends hiring staff for Village.

Liquor— No Report

Old Business — \$500 donation for fire department for clean up day needs to be made.

New Business —

Motion: To approve Ordinance 24-08 to implement municipal grocery retailers' occupation tax & municipal grocery service occupation tax.

Moved by: Trustee Morris Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

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

Motion carries.

Motion: To designate Trustee Neuman as the IRMF Authorized Agent.

Moved by: Trustee Morris Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

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

Motion carries.

Motion: To designate Trustee Neuman as the IRMF Authorized Agent.

Moved by: Trustee Morris Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

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

Motion carries.

Motion: Move to go into Executive Session for personnel (5/ILCS120/2(c)(5)).

Moved by: Trustee Neuman Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

Motion carries on a voice vote.

Return to regular session at 10:08 pm

Motion: To approve a pay increase to \$27 per hour for Mitch Neuman. The raise is retroactive to May 1, 2027.

Moved by: Trustee Synder Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Trustee Neuman—Yes Trustee Stephanie Synder-Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Motion carries.

Motion: To hire Pam Sheppherd as payroll clerk at \$42,000 per year.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Trustee Neuman—Yes Trustee Stephanie Synder-No

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes Trustee Cindy Morris—No

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Motion carries 4-2.

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carries. Adjournment at 10:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Village Clerk