

Village of New Berlin Board Meeting Minutes

6:01 pm on May 21, 2025

Additional Attendees: Sharon La Fauce, Amanda Lazzara, Jason Brokaw, Bill Poole, Corie Davis, Zach Clements, David Rieger, Emily Rieger, Mitch Neuman, Maggie Duckworth, Drew Berger, Holly Watton, Nancy Sebok, Sam Pierson, Alex Caldwell, Cameron Jones, Rob Brown, Kayla Pearson, and Clerk Debbie Lakamp

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call:

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Mayor Mike Krall-Yes

Trustee Greg Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes

Trustee Norman Casson—Yes

Audience: Residents of Windrow Subdivision shared their concerns with Board members regarding abandoned properties at 60 & 70 Frank St, and 56 Bourbaki Ave. Village Attorney Jason Brokaw detailed actions the Village has taken to remediate the properties. He noted many have been taken over by the USDA and the process and other actions have been taken to obtain the title of a property by the Village. In addition, residents were asked to take pictures of raccoons entering one of the properties. The Village was also made aware of water collecting at a property.

Clerk: Nothing

Police: Written Report was submitted.

Motion: Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis

Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Motion carries.

Trustee Casson—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Committee Reports

Utilities— Written Report.

Motion: To approve Summer Water Rates for all residents from May 1, 2025-Aug. 31, 2025.

Moved by: Trustee Morris

Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

Motion carries.

Trustee Casson—Yes

Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes

Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes

Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

Zoning- Zoning Commissioner Zach Clemmons shared updates. Building permits issued were distributed. Efforts to digitize the permit process are underway. A meeting with Attorney Brokaw will review zoning rules for citizens. There was a brief discussion on school and government building permits.

Internet- Rob Brown addressed slow Internet concerns related to copyright infringements and FCC rules. He adjusted settings to improve stream time.

Streets & Parks— A written report was submitted. There is a request to move a speed limit sign at Olive and Maple, and discussion of speed bumps at Cedar St., Birch, Ron Anderson, and Bourbaki. A request asks the construction company to relocate a dumpster at Olive & Elm that obstructs railroad track visibility. Heavy trucks crushing Internet boxes on the southside were discussed, noting the area is zoned commercial.

Motion: To approve spray patch for Village streets to be purchased from D & D Payment Solutions and completed for a total of \$6,240.

Moved by: Trustee Synder Seconded by: Trustee Morris
Motion carries 5-1.

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

TIF- Trustee Synder reviewed the TIF Annual Report Summary. \$463,000 was received this fiscal year, with nearly \$130,000 already committed. The TIF ends on Dec. 31, 2024.

Mike Chalcraft requested the removal of a property from the TIF District due to conflicting TIF rules.

Bill Poole discussed maintenance agreements with IDOT for roadsides and suggested that the water tower, last cleaned 4-5 years ago, may need cleaning again.

Finance- No report.

Health & Safety — Trustee Lokaitis provided the police report. He noted that police car cameras have been installed and reminded residents to lock their cars. There was also a discussion about installing cameras around Village Hall.

Mitch Neuman informed the group that the MFT Bid opening will take place next Tuesday at 1 pm. Currently, there is only one bid.

Trustee Lokaitis mentioned a conversation with the school superintendent which led to scheduling the Village flag contest with students for after the Fall 2025 semester begins.

Personnel—Items for Executive Session

Old Business—

DSL has been removed from Village Hall. The new phone system is up and working.

New Business—

Motion: To approve Ordinance 25-07 authorizing Village expenditures pending adoption of Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

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

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

Liquor- No report.

General comment: Cameron Jones will investigate concrete and asphalt road grant. These are due on June 2, if anything is applicable to the Village.

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 Spalding **Seconded by:** Trustee Lokaitis

Motion carries at 7:15 pm

Return to Regular session at 8:36 pm

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Morris **Seconded by:** Trustee Lokaitis

Motion Carries. Adjournment at 8:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Village Clerk