

## Village of New Berlin Board Meeting Minutes

6:01 pm on Oct. 16, 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, Atty Jason Brokaw, Cameron Jones (Bennett & Assoc), Officer Kenny. Guests: Drew & Shawn Burger, Tom Knust, Janet McGuire

Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Motion:** Move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Morris      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

**Audience:** Janet McGuire asked for an update on the roof insurance claim. Mayor Krall reported that per the Illinois Municipal League, the Village's insurer, New Berlin could not pay for the tree falling on the roof unless the Village waived tort immunity. If the Village took this action, its insurance would be cancelled.

**Clerk:** Thank you cards shared.

**Police:** Written Report. 22 citations for a variety of traffic issues. The village received \$156 from Sangamon County for tickets.

### Committee Reports

**Utilities—** Written report. The Board thanked Mitch Neuman for extra effort due to the Village currently being short-staffed. The Illinois St Project looks to be coming in under budget. The Village water leak at Shepp's became worse but Mitch and a plumber were able to repair it. Some water meters are being reviewed for accuracy. Trustee Morris has spoken to many residents regarding overdue water bills and set up a number of payment plans.

**Internet—** 204 customers were reported by Trustee Spalding.

**Zoning—** No Report.

**Streets/Parks—** Written Report. Leaf Vac is up and running. Splash Pad is closed. The Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalk Project is in progress.

**Motion:** To approve the first payment for the sidewalk project to Kenny Contractors for \$80,000 to be paid by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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

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

**TIF:** A new district was explored to allow the Village to purchase a property for a community building. This solution is too costly.

**Finance**— Trustee Neuman reported on audit progress, Locis projects and exploration of financing a community building property discussion with legislators.

**Health & Safety** — No Report. Brief discussion on various yard complaints.

**Personnel**— The committee met today to interview candidates for Village job openings.

**New Business —**

**Motion:** To approve the Animal Control Agreement between New Berlin and Sangamon County Animal Control.

Moved by: Trustee Knox                      Seconded by: Trustee Lokaitis

Motion carries.

Trustee Neuman—Yes                      Trustee Stephanie Synder- Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes                      Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes              Trustee Sue Spalding—Yes

**Old Business — None**

**Liquor**— No Report

**Motion:** Move to go into Executive Session for real property (5ILCS120/2c(5), personnel (5/ILCS 1202(c)(1)), and litigation (5ILCS 120/2c(11)).

Moved by: Trustee Lokaitis                      Seconded by: Trustee Spalding

Motion carries on a voice vote at 7:56 pm

**Return to Regular Session at 9:34 pm**

**Motion:** To hire a Carrissa Grider at \$20/hour as a part-time accounting clerk.

Moved by: Trustee Knox                      Seconded by: Trustee Neuman

Motion carries on a 5-1 vote.

Trustee Neuman—Yes                      Trustee Stephanie Synder-Yes

Trustee Lokaitis—Yes                      Trustee Cindy Morris—Yes

Trustee Stephen Knox—Yes              Trustee Sue Spalding—No

**Motion:** To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Spalding                  Seconded by: Trustee Morris

Motion carries. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp  
Village Clerk