

Village of New Berlin Minutes
Village of Trustees Meeting, Town Hall
Dec. 16, 2009

President Steve Frank called the meeting of the Village of New Berlin Trustees Meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Dec. 16, 2009 at the Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was taken.

ATTENDANCE: President Steve Frank, Trustees Ryan Sours, Joel Sander, Mike Krall, David Kuehl, Katie Hatfield, and Curt Stephens; Village Treasurer Shanda Byer, Village Clerk Deborah Lakamp and Attorney John Myers.

ABESENT: None

AUDIENCE: Streets & Parks Superintendent Bill Poole, Water Superintendent Tim Bliss, Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Sean Pickford, Benton & Associates, Jeff Richardson and Reporter Linda Hughes.

MOTION: To amend agenda to move tax abatement and water bond from the Clerk's Report to the Finance Committee Report.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

MOTION: To take the Village bills out of the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Sours

Motion carries.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

MOTION: To approve Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

CORRESPONDENCE: None

POLICE: Chief Nydegger reported there were 22 written citations and 100 warning tickets in November. The Village received \$332 from one ticket from the Sangamon County Clerk. Chief Nydegger is back to work after having his cast removed.

The Safety Committee interviewed Kevin Pennell as a potential hire for the New Berlin Police Department. Safety Committee Chairman Sours reported the committee recommends hiring Pennell as an officer.

MOTION: To hire Kevin Pennell as a New Berlin Police Officer.
Moved by: Trustee Sours
Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield
Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

AUDIENCE: Jeff Richardson requested the Village Board make the alleyway between Capone's and the Mini-Storage owned by Mike Clayton one-way to increase safety. The Board matter was referred to Streets & Parks Committee for a recommendation.

TIF: CUSD #16 received a \$30,421.28 reimbursement.

UTILITIES:

Superintendent Bliss reported an 18% water loss due to a leak in the Windrow Subdivision that has been fixed. He also reported a water tower ran over but is also now fixed.

Utilities Chairman Sander reported the clear well motor has gone in for repairs. His committee recommends raising tap fees for water and sewer as the current fees are not covering the Village's costs. After comparing with fees with other area municipalities, the committee recommends raising the water tap fee from \$700 to \$1,200 and the sewer tap fee from \$250 to \$500.

His committee also recommended the purchase of a new Henry Street lift station pump. The expense is budgeted.

MOTION: To purchase a new lift pump from Gasvoda & Associates Inc Corp for \$1,862.

Moved by: Trustee Sander
Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl
Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

Chairman Sander also reported that one water tower will need to be painted and the committee is exploring the cost of a new utility truck.

ZONING:

Chairman Kuehl reported there are no new building permits. He also reported the Zoning Board of Appeals recommends the Zero Lot Line Ordinance and the approval of zoning variances needed for duplexes.

MOTION: To accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation and to adopt Ordinance 09-14 amending the Code of Ordinances of the Village of New Berlin pertaining to variances and allowing zero lot line set back variances for duplexes.

Moved by: Trustee Krall
Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl
Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

MOTION: To accept Pat Newman’s request for a variance for Plat 4, Lots 1-15.

Moved by: Trustee Kuehl
Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield
Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

STREETS & PARKS:

Sean Pickford, Benton & Associates, reported on the Henry Street Sewer Project. The surveyors have done their work and the plans are started. The Village should see a preliminary set of plans in 30-45 days.

FINANCE: The committee met Nov. 19 to prepare the Tax Levy Ordinance. Nothing was increased more than 5%.

MOTION: To pass Ordinance 09-15 for levy and assessment of taxes for the Village of New Berlin for FY Beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 20, 2010.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens
Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield
Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

MOTION: To pass Ordinance 09-16 for the payment of the Village of New Berlin for general obligation bonds.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens
Seconded by: Trustee Sander
Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

HEALTH & SAFETY: Met Dec. 2, 2009 and interviewed Kevin Pennell as a potential hire for the New Berlin Police Department, which was acted upon earlier in the meeting. The committee also discussed cameras for the burn pile due to a continuous problem with dumping of items other than yard waste. Bids from both George Alarm and Central Illinois Security were reviewed. The committee recommends accepting the bid from Central Illinois Security for \$2, 622.

MOTION: To purchase a security camera system for the yard waste facility from Central Illinois Security for \$2,622.

Moved by: Trustee Sours

Seconded by: Trustee Krall

Motion carries on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Krall	Yes	Trustee Stephens:	Yes

The Village has received several calls and a letter requesting the Village pass an ordinance allowing off-road vehicles and golf carts on the Village streets. After discussion, the Board recommended Attorney Myers draft an ordinance.

PERSONNEL: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Village alarm system was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Holiday Lights Contest is going strong.

The South Sangamon County Water Commission has a put out bids for a distribution system, wells, etc.

LIQUOR: No report.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mayor Frank took a moment to recognize the quality work and years of service of the Village employees:

Bill Poole: Sept. 1, 1987

Tim Bliss: Oct. 19, 2004

Terry Nydegger: Feb 9, 1990

Greg Cooper: Nov. 17, 1999

Craig Anderson: July, 2001

Mary Pfeffer: June 28, 1999

MOTION: To adjourn.
Moved by: Trustee Krall
Seconded by: Trustee Sours
Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Clerk
Village of New Berlin