

**VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 19, 2001**

The New Berlin Village Board met on September 19, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. with President Pfeffer opening the meeting with roll call.

PRESENT: President William Pfeffer, Clerk Marsha Sweet, Trustees Norman Casson, Kevin DeGroot, Ryan Sours, Curt Stephens, Cindy Morris, and Michael Krall.

The minutes of the August 15, 2001 regular meeting were approved as written with a motion being made by Trustee Krall and seconded by Trustee Sours. Motion carried on a voice vote. The Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting held August 15, 2001 were approved as amended with a motion by Trustee Sours and seconded by Trustee Morris. The amended minutes will also include approval by a Trustee for leaving the Village proper.

State Representative Gwen Klinger was present to meet with residents in and surrounding New Berlin. This gave an opportunity to those who may want to express their thoughts or ideas to her regarding any assistance she may be able to give the community for improvement.

Rep. Klinger gave an overview of the State re-districting map and how this would affect representatives and the districts they would be serving. She stated that the distribution of State moneys will be not announced until after the re-districting map has been finalized.

President Pfeffer and Board members expressed their appreciation to Rep. Klinger for her support and assistance in acquiring grants for water and sewer improvements.

TREASURER'S REPORT - President Pfeffer, for Treasurer Johnson, reported on the September monthly report for all funds. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted by the Board as presented with a motion being made by Trustee Krall and seconded by Trustee Stephens. This Report is on file. Motion carried on a voice vote.

POLICE - Chief Nydegger reported on the activities handled by the police department within the Village for the month of August. This Report is on file. Chief Nydegger updated the Board on the inoperable vehicle matter and that it was being handled on a day-to-day basis. Those who continue to not be in compliance will be issued a warning ticket.

The speed limit in Windrow Subdivision is going to be reduced from the present 25 M.P.H. to 15 m.p.h. Signs will be installed to this new speed limit regulation.

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Officer Shea has resigned from the Department with another officer being hired for replacement soon.

The Mission Statement, Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, Rules and Regulations, and Policies and Procedures pertaining to Weapons, Use of Force, Pursuit, and Processing Juveniles, all involving the New Berlin Berlin Police Dept. were presented to the Board for their review of each section. The Health and Safety Committee will meet and make their final recommendations to the Village Board for adoption.

CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Sweet read a memo received from IMRF regarding the amount of retroactive service credit an elected official may purchase. The new law states that individuals elected may purchase more than 50 months of qualifying retroactive service if a resolution is adopted by the governing body before December 31, 2001. This is a one time opportunity to adopt such an ordinance even though we have no one who will come under the provisions of this ordinance. Future elected officials may want to take advantage of this service credit. A motion was made by Trustee Krall and seconded by Trustee Morris to adopt the resolution as stated. Roll call was taken and passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE - Members of the audience were requested to speak about any issue they may wish to bring before the Board. None were made by the audience.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT

Mr. Glen Fitzgerald of Fitch & Fitzgerald, Inc. was present to go over the drawings and specifications for contractors to bid on the removal of the existing materials and install a new concrete parking area and sidewalk in front of the Village Hall. The specifications do not include a compaction test, but that can be put in the specs if the Board feels it is necessary. The Architect does not think it is necessary. The legal ad contents were explained and will be published in the local newspapers and the Illinois State Register. The bid opening will be October 10, 2001 and 4:00 p.m. The proposed estimated cost to complete this project is \$25,000 and will be paid from the TIF Fund. A motion was made by Trustee Morris and seconded by Trustee Sours to accept this proposal for the bidding contracts and Mr. Fitzgerald's fee of \$3,400.00. Roll call was taken and passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning - Building Permits #839, Rhonda Clemons, a pool; #840, Darrell Cummings, a garage; #841, Darrell Cummings, a storage shed, were approved with a motion being made by Trustee Krall and seconded by Trustee Sours. Motion carried on a voice vote.

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Streets and Parks - Trustee Krall reported that IRC has completed the oiling and rocking of Village streets. An update on the repair to the storm drain at Birch to Yates was given with the work being completed satisfactorily.

The sidewalk replacement program will be started sometime in September. Thus far, there are six residents signed up to participate in the sidewalk replacement program.

In the matter of the swales in Heritage Point Subdivision, Trustee Krall reported that after further investigating, the Village will not propose any recommendations to correct the situation as the swales are located on private property.

A request has been made for a security streetlight at the southwest corner of Corbett Park. A motion was made by Trustee Krall and seconded by Trustee DeGroot to have this street light installed. Motion carried on a voice vote. Ameren CIPS will be contacted to have an agreement made up that the Village can sign for the installation of this streetlight.

Employee Bill Poole reported on the projects that have been completed by the Street Dept. this summer.

Water and Sewer -

Trustee DeGroot reported on the bulk sales, repair reports for the water and sewer departments, and the replacement of the fence at the sewer plant. A shut-off valve at LeBeau had to be replaced and a second shut-off valve installed due to a problem with the old water line needing to be replaced.

Mike Irwin, Engineer, updated the Board on the progression of the sewer project. A pay estimate for R & G, Inc. was presented in the amount of \$58,242.00. The Board was in agreement to pay this estimate.

Mike Irwin reported that the sewer had to be re-routed at Cedar & Yates at an extra cost of \$12,000 due to a fiber optic cable recently installed by Mediacom. The cable has been installed since the preliminary engineering surveying and drawings were completed for the sewer line. The Board was in agreement that our Attorney will be contacted to write a letter to Mediacom explaining the problem and the cost involved to the Village. The Village was never notified by Mediacom that this work was going to be done in the Village.

A motion was made by Trustee DeGroot and seconded by Trustee Sours to accept the EPA proposal to monitor radon at an annual cost of \$200. Roll call was taken and passed unanimously.

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A letter has been received from the NBIG Fire Dept. requesting authorization from the Village Board to install a two inch metered water line the new firehouse. The un-metered line will be used only to fill fire-fighting equipment. An existing 2" line is in the facility; therefore no additional taps will be needed and all expenses will be paid by the Fire Dept. A motion was made Trustee DeGroot and seconded by Trustee Krall to approve this request. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Delinquent water/sewer bills were presented to the Board for a determination to shut the water off. There were none of the delinquent customers present at the meeting to discuss the terms of payment. The consensus of the Board was to turn off those delinquent customers.

Health and Safety - The Board was updated on the status of the Crossier matter in that a dumpster has been placed there and the assumption is that Mr. Crossier is having the building torn down.

The Health and Safety had a meeting to consider implementing a contracted waste hauler to pickup within the Village. A representative from one of the waste haulers from Springfield was present at this meeting to outline the pros and cons as to why a municipality would want to contract trash pickup.

For the present, the Village can obtain a recycling container at a cost of \$75.00 per month. President Pfeffer is proposing that the container be made available every other Saturday with scheduled hours and be monitored. An ordinance does exist on the books whereas the Village could levy for this service at the rate .02%. President Pfeffer feels that the levy should be imposed on this year's tax levy to help offset the cost of the recycling container.

The Board was in agreement to proceed with this plan and to pay any interested civic or school organization to work for an amount of \$25.00 for each Saturday we have scheduled recycling. An adult, over the age of 21 years old, would be needed to supervise if a school organization does the job.

Finance - Trustee Krall made the motion and Trustee Sours seconded the motion to approve the payment of September claims, including the amount of \$2,887.00 to Thomas Jacobs and Associates for TIF professional fees. Roll call was taken and passed unanimously by all Trustees.

The Finance Committee will meet on October 3, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to start working on the 2002 Tax Levy.

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The Board approved the purchase of a gift certificate for James Davenport who has worked so diligently on setting up the Village's web site.

OLD BUSINESS - Attorney Sheehan will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Convention in Chicago where the matter of the Adult Use Ordinance is on the Agenda to be discussed. Mr. Sheehan hopes the information from this meeting will enable the Village to adopt a solid ordinance relating to this matter.

NEW BUSINESS - A special meeting will be held on October 10, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to receive and accept the bid proposal for the replacement of the parking lot.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. with a motion being made by Trustee Krall and seconded by Trustee Sours.

Marsha J. Sweet
Village Clerk