

Village of New Berlin

Sangamon County, Illinois

Monthly Board Minutes

April 18, 2007

The monthly meeting of the New Berlin Board of Trustees began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Trustees Sours, Camille, Krall, Kuehl, Patterson and Stephens. President Frank, Clerk Sander, Attorney Rabin.

Absent: None

MINUTES:

- A motion to waive the reading of the March 21 BOT meeting was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Sours. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- A motion to accept the minutes as written for the March 21 BOT meeting was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Patterson. The motion passed on a voice vote.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Byer was not present to give the treasurers report. Chairman Stephens gave the report and stated that all categories were in line with the budget. He also stated that a CD was due on Friday and the consensus of the board was to renew it for 6 months.

- A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Kuehl. Motion passed on a voice vote.

POLICE:

Chief Nydegger submitted his report for March. He noted four bar scuffles that the police had to respond to that had broken up by the time they arrived. Nydegger also stated that due to work interference, Officer Avart has had to resign his position. Nydegger stated that he was looking to hire another police officer to replace Officer Avart.

AUDIENCE:

None

CLERK:

Ordinance 2007-04, an agreement with Sangamon County to provide animal control for the Village of New Berlin was discussed. This was brought up last month but was tabled because the invoice based on last years pick ups was incorrect.

- A motion to pass Ordinance 2007-04, an agreement with Sangamon County to provide animal control for the Village of New Berlin was made by Trustee Sours and seconded by Trustee Patterson. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Sours..... Y	Stephens.....Y
Camille Y	Patterson.....Y
Krall Y	Kuehl.....Y

NEW BUSINESS:

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Trustee Kuehl stated that Trustees Camille and Patterson, who are leaving the board in May, will be missed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The "storage shed" on the Nagel property was discussed. The shed, which is a trailer with the wheels removed, was placed on the property after the permit was improperly filled out. Attorney Rabin was unaware of progress on getting it removed but was going to check.

TIF:

The Village has received the invoice for the administrative costs for the 2nd half of the year. The invoice for \$5,573.26 was placed on the April bills to be paid list.

ZONING:

Paul Sweet submitted the building permit report through April 1, 2007. He stated there were three issues he was dealing with: 1. a shed being built in Heritage Point where the covenant states there can be no sheds built. The issue is it is a homeowner's association issue and not a Village issue. 2. Kemp Brothers demolition and building permits. 3. Shed being built on the Mark Simpson property being too close to the street.

Board of Appeals (BOA) Meeting: The Zoning Board of Appeals met to discuss two issues: 1. Toni Frank Variance request and 2. Sea-Land Containers ordinance. The BOA discussed the variance request from Toni Frank to reduce the side yard variance from 10ft. to 8ft. 8" for a new garage. The neighbor next door had no problem with the request. The BOA recommended allowing the variance.

- A motion to accept the BOA recommendation to allow the side-yard variance at the Toni Frank residence was made by Trustee Patterson and seconded by Trustee Kuehl. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Sours	Y	Stephens	Y
Camille	Y	Patterson.....	Y
Krall	Y	Kuehl.....	Y

A change was requested in the sea-land ordinance to only allow these in industrial areas and to remove some of the paragraphs of the ordinance. The BOA discussed and agreed that the current ordinance is fine and does what it is intended to do: keep these out of residential neighborhoods. The BOA recommended to not change the current ordinance.

- A motion to accept the recommendation of the BOA to not change the current ordinance was made by Trustee Sours and seconded by Trustee Stephens. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Sours	Y	Stephens	Y
Camille	Y	Patterson.....	Y
Krall	Y	Kuehl.....	Y

FINANCE:

- A motion to review and pay the Village bills was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Patterson. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Sours	Y	Stephens	Y
Camille	Y	Patterson.....	Y

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Krall Y

Kuehl.....Y

The finance committee met on March 29. The FY08 budget is almost complete. Chairman Stephens stated it appears we could afford 2 new trucks and possibly a new squad car if done with a 5 yr. lease. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The yearly audit is scheduled for June 6-7, 2007.

HEALTH & SAFETY

No report

PERSONNEL:

3 applications have been received for summer help. The committee will review. 2 applications have been received for Village Clerk. Clerk Sander and President Frank will schedule interviews.

During discussion of summer help, it was noted that the Village needs to get a signed contract with Mr. Eckly for lawn mowing.

UTILITY:

Supt. Bliss stated the month's water loss was 12%.

A valve box was repaired in Heritage Point.

Bliss stated 60 meters have been replaced around town.

The Village has a meeting April 26 with the EPA regarding EPA Violation 2007-00099.

Bliss stated the filter has been vacuumed out and replaced.

Bliss also thanked Trustee Camille and Patterson for their support and service.

President Frank stated he has spoken with CWLP Water Manager Tom Skelly and that Mr. Skelly stated CWLP Manager Todd Renfrow would like to meet with the Village to discuss our water situation and how Springfield might factor into the process.

Benton & Associates was asked to prepare a list of other possible water sources in the area.

- A motion to offer summer sewer rate this year was made by Trustee Krall and seconded by Trustee Sours. The motion passed on a voice vote.

STREETS & PARKS:

- A motion to add Custom Structures invoice to the month's bills to be paid in the amount of \$6443 was made by Trustee Kuehl and seconded by Trustee Patterson. This is for the overhead garage door to be replaced. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Sours Y Stephens.....Y

Camille Y Patterson.....Y

Krall Y Kuehl.....Y

The steps at Shepp's need replaced. The Village is to put out for bid replacement of the steps and railings in front of Shepp's using TIF money.

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Trustee Stephens asked if the Village could approach the Krosers regarding purchasing the land across the street. It will be looked into.

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONER:

Applications have been sent out and are due May 1, 2007.

- A motion to go into executive session to discuss salaries and job applications was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Kuehl. The motion passed at 9:25 p.m.

Regular session re-assembled at 9:35 p.m.

- A motion to increase the salary of all Village employees as of May 1, 2007 by 3% was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Sours. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Sours..... Y	Stephens.....Y
Camille Y	Patterson.....Y
Krall Y	Kuehl.....Y

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Camille and seconded by Trustee Kuehl at 9:40 p.m. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Sincerely submitted,

Joel Sander
Village Clerk
Village of New Berlin, IL