

Village of New Berlin

Sangamon County, Illinois

Monthly Board Minutes

May 16, 2007

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: Trustee Camille

MINUTES:

- A motion to waive the reading of the April 18, 2007 BOT meeting was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Patterson. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- A motion to accept the minutes as written for the April 18, 2007 BOT meeting was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Patterson. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- A motion to accept the minutes as written for the April 18, 2007 executive session meeting was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded by Trustee Patterson. The motion passed on a voice vote.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Byer submitted the April report. Byer stated all accounts were in balance.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Retiring ESDA Director Greg Patterson stated he had discussed the ESDA position with various members of the fire department and he recommended Larry Frank be named as the new ESDA Director.

President Frank thanked Patterson and Camille for their service to the community while serving as Directors.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Trustees Katie Hatfield and Joel Sander and returning Trustee Dave Kuehl were sworn-in to begin their terms.

- A motion to adjourn the 1st session of the board meeting was made by Trustee Stephens and seconded Trustee Kuehl. The motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,

Joel Sander
Village Clerk

The second half of the May regular meeting of the New Berlin Board of Trustees was called to order by President Frank at 7:16 pm. Roll call of the newly sworn-in and seated Board of Trustees is as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE:

City Officials Reporting: Police Chief Terry Nydegger, Public Works William Poole and Bldg. Inspector Paul Sweet.

MINUTES:

There were no minutes to read or approve as this business was handled in the first half of the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: President Frank recommended appointment of Deborah Lakamp as Village Clerk.

Motion: To appoint Deborah Lakamp as Village Clerk.

Moved by: Trustee Kuehl

Seconded by: Trustee Sours

Motion carries unanimously.

President Frank swore Lakamp in as Village Clerk recognizing new Trustee Sander for his services as Village Clerk. Trustee Kuehl stated that Trustees Camille and Patterson, who are leaving the board in May, will be missed.

President Frank recommended the following Village of New Berlin Committee Appointments for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2008: **Finance:** Chairman Curt Stephens, Katie Hatfield, Mike Krall; **Utilities:** Chairman Joel Sander, Dave Kuehl, Ryan Sours; **Streets and Parks:** Chairman Mike Krall, Joel Sander, Katie Hatfield; **Health and Safety:** Chairman Ryan Sours, Dave Kuehl, Mike Krall; **Personnel:** Chairman Katie Hatfield, Curt Stephens, Joel Sander and **Zoning:** Chairman Dave Kuehl, Curt Stephens and Ryan Sours. President Frank serves as ex-officio chairman of all committees.

President Frank recommended the following Village of New Berlin appointments for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2008: **Treasurer** Shanda Byer; **Attorney** John M. Myers; **Street, Water and Sanitary Sewer Engineer** Benton & Associates, Jacksonville, IL; **Zoning Administrator** Paul Sweet; **Plan Commission:** Village Board of Trustees; **Zoning Board of Appeals** Chairman Tim Berry, Ed Cantrell, Artie Hatfield, Vince King, Charles E. Rhodes and Marsha Sweet; and **ESDA Coordinator** Larry Frank. Zoning Board of Appeals Member Shorty Keyser has not yet responded as to his continued interest in serving on the Board. It was noted police officers are hired as employees not appointment.

Motion:

To accept all appointments except the one Zoning Board of Appeals member that has not yet responded.

Moved by: Trustee Ryan

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

POLICE:

Chief Nydegger submitted his written report for April reflecting 266 police hours, 29 traffic citations and 16 warning tickets. He noted a bar scuffle the NBPD responded to that had been broken up by the time they arrived. Nydegger noted that the New Berlin Police Department has a procedure in place to deal with "active shooters" within the schools or other public venues. He also indicated the NBPD had signed its annual mutual aid agreement with Sangamon County Sheriff's Dept. Attorney Myers will have an Ordinance making the agreement official drawn up for the June meeting.

President Frank noted certified letters were sent to citizens asking about the status of vehicles parked long-term on the street. Chief Nydegger is fielding questions regarding the letters. To date, one response had been received indicating the vehicle in question was a work truck.

TIF:

The Village is still dealing with issues regarding the Travel Plaza and lost receipts from previous owner, who is now deceased, regarding TIF reimbursements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**UTILITY:**

Bill Poole reported the water tower would be cleaned and inspected the next week. This is an approved TIF expense.

Ed DeGroot, Benton & Associates reported a May 1, 2007 letter was sent on behalf of the Village asking Curran-Gardner questions regarding using them as a water supply.

DeGroot and other Village Board members met with IEPA regarding the baffling factor contact time with the chlorination system. The Village was last in violation on April 22, 2007. IEPA wants to ensure the Village of New Berlin is serious about fixing this water treatment issue and that the public is noticed every 90-days that the village is out of compliance. The baffling factor number has changed over time resulting in the compliance issue.

IEPA is asking the Village to present dates, times and results of efforts to secure a new water source as the new regulations will shut down the New Berlin water plant. President Frank reported the options are Curran-Gardner or Springfield. Inquiries to CWLP about accessing water through Chatham and Loami have been explored though these alternatives do not look viable at this point. The IEPA set October 31, 2007 as the goal date for the Village to have a water agreement.

Trustee Kuehl noted two changes on the land use map that need to be made.

ZONING:

Zoning Administrator Paul Sweet submitted the building permit report through May 1, 2007. He reported a conversation with Superintendent of Schools Val Carr regarding two parcels of the land the school has purchased that it would like annexed into the Village. Sweet will follow up on information needed to accomplish this goal.

President Frank indicated the limits had changed when the zoning map was redone so Attorney Myers suggested an ordinance to re-establish the proper boundaries.

Attorney Myers sent a letter to Ed Nagel on May 16, 2007 regarding his storage trailer not complying with the building permit on file. Attorney Myers is also to send a letter to the property owner of a storage trailer behind Campbell's Auto Body as there is no permit on file for this facility.

Trustee Kuehl relayed a conversation with a citizen where he indicated the citizen believed chickens are pets. Chickens are considered livestock by Village zoning ordinances and are not permitted within the Village limits.

FINANCE:

Motion: To review and pay the Village bills except for \$6,443 to Custom Structures for garage doors

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote:

Sours..... Y	Stephens.....Y
Sander..... Y	Patterson.....Y
Krall..... Y	Kuehl.....Y

A balanced Fiscal Year 2008 budget will be presented at the June Village Board Meeting. The yearly audit is scheduled for June 6-7, 2007.

Motion: To pass ordinance expenditures pending (Ordinance 2007-05).

Moved by Trustee Curt

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote:

Sours..... Y	Kuehl.....Y
Sander..... Y	Hatfield.....Y
Krall..... Y	Stephens.....Y

STREETS & PARKS: No report.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The committee will meet May 23 at 7 pm.

PERSONNEL:

Craig Stephens was hired as part-time, summer help.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Sander inquired as to the status of the new steps to be placed in front of Shepp's Bar & Grill. President Frank stated the bid on the railing had not yet been received.

Trustee Sours asked that a letter be sent to St. Mary's regarding the damage to the sidewalks by heavy equipment during tornado damage repairs. President Frank said a letter would be sent.

Liquor Control had issued the regular licenses.

The "storage shed" on the Ed 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.

Motion: To go into Executive Session to discuss imminent or probably litigation.

Moved by: Trustee Kuehl

Seconded by: Trustee Sours

Regular session is re-convened at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Move to have Attorney Myers begin proceedings on Ed Nagel property.

Moved by: Trustee Kuehl

Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield

Motion passes.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Stephens

Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Village Clerk
Village of New Berlin, IL