

Village of New Berlin Minutes
Village of Trustees Meeting, Town Hall
Aug. 15, 2007

President Frank called the Village of New Berlin Trustees meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Aug. 15, 2007 at the Village Hall. The Pledge of Alliance was said and roll call was taken.

ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE:

Mike McEvers, Benton & Associates; Marsha Sweet, Village Zoning Board; Water and Sewer Superintendent Tim Bliss, Public Works Superintendent William Poole; Linda Whalen, *New Berlin Bee/Times Journal*; and a number of village residents.

MOTION:

To amend the agenda by moving the Zoning Board of Appeals session to after the Village Clerk's report.

Moved by: Trustee Hatfield
Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl
Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION:

To waive the reading of the July meeting minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens
Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl
Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION:

To approve the July Village of Trustee meeting minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens
Seconded by: Trustee Sours
Motion carries unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Shanda Byer reported the written report the Board was reviewing reflects the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year's numbers. She also reported all adjustments and journal entries required by the auditors regarding the audit report were completed. This includes a letter indicating all deposits are FDIC insured in Warren Boynton Bank.

MOTION:

To approve Treasurer’s Report.

Motioned by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously.

CLERK: No correspondence.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING:

President Frank convened the Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing.

MOTION:

To accept Zoning Board’s recommendation to grant a 9 foot side yard variance in lieu of a 10 foot side yard to Bonnie Speaks for the purpose of replacing an existing mobile home with a new one at 404 S. Jackson St., New Berlin.

Motion by: Trustee Sours

Seconded by: Trustee Krall

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours—Yes

Kuehl—Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield—Yes

Krall—Yes

Stephens-Yes

The Trustees heard the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to grant commercial zoning to REK Development, Inc. on Lot 4 of King Minor Subdivision but to not allow the building of storage units due to Windrow residents’ concerns. REK Development intends to build a retail store, Dollar General, in phase one of its development of the property. Another phase of the development calls for building self-storage units behind the retail property.

During discussion, Attorney Meyers stated New Berlin Commercial Zoning allows self-storage units to be built. They cannot be excluded if the land is zoned for commercial use.

MOTION:

To re-zone Lot 4 King Minor Subdivision from agricultural to commercial adopting the Ordinance for Rezoning Certain Property in the Village of New Berlin.

Motion by: Trustee Sours

Second by: Trustee Kuehl

The Board clarified that its intent is the C zoning includes storage.

Windrow resident Christy Ferguson and Windrow Developer Pat Newman spoke against the rezoning as it pertained to the storage units. The representative of REK Development Inc. Tim Korte, K & K Real Estate, spoke in favor of re-zoning.

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours—Yes

Kuehl—Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield—Yes

Krall—Yes

Stephens-Yes

The Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing was closed by President Frank.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Terry Nydygger reported 216 hours worked in July by officers. This included 9 traffic stops, 16 assistance to other agencies calls, one juvenile compliant and one bank alarm.

Trustee Sours indicated there is a new employment application being developed for use by the police department.

Chief Nydygger stated the school is requesting extra patrols during the day, specifically in the mornings and afternoons when children are coming to and leaving school. As there is no budget for this, he was directed to assist as time is available as the department has in the past.

AFLAC

President Frank recognized April Numnez, a representative of AFLAC, who explained the company would like to offer supplemental insurances to the village employees, such as short term disability. There is no cost to the village. Treasurer Byer said a payroll deduction could be set-up. President Frank indicated he would visit with the employees to see if there is an interest.

TIF—No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITIES: A discussion of where New Berlin is going to get water in the future occurred. Trustee Sander presented some possible cost scenarios to residents. President Frank indicated two status letters must be sent by Oct. 31, 2007 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). IEPA is insisting New Berlin determine a plan of action for providing water to its residents in the future as its water plant can no longer meeting IEPA standards and can not be modified or re-built to meet current/future standards. President Frank also stated the village is going to have to borrow money to meet the financial commitment needed to contract with its future water supplier.

Water and Sewer Superintendent Tim Bliss stated a water leak on Olive & Elm had been fixed and the reservoir level was low enough that pumping could not occur.

ZONING: Paul Sweet stated St. Mary's had started on its sidewalk replacement project. Permit fees for the Parish Center were waived as it is a not-for-profit. He updated the

Trustees on recent building permit applications, approvals, denials and any complications.

The Trustees indicated their support of President Frank's swearing in of Tom Gorsich as a new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He replaced Roger Keyser. The Board indicated their appreciation of Keyser's service.

STREETS & PARKS:

An update on the 2007 Motor Fuel Tax was given. The Trustees discussed the bids to pave the streets.

MOTION:

To approve the IRC bid to pave the streets in the amount of \$70,336.50 as the lowest bid.

Moved by: Trustee Sours
Seconded: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours—Yes	Kuehl—Yes
Sander—Yes	Hatfield—Yes
Krall—Yes	Stephens—Yes

MOTION:

To pay the bills.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens
Seconded: Trustee Krall

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours—Yes	Kuehl—Yes
Sander—Yes	Hatfield—Yes
Krall—Yes	Stephens—Yes

HEALTH & SAFETY

Resident Marsha Sweet brought up the issue of non-moving cars parked around town. President Frank indicated letters had been sent out and solutions are being sought.

Trustee Sours noted a dead crow picked up in New Berlin tested positive for West Nile Virus.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Hatfield reported her committee met on Aug. 9, 2007. The committee is recommending the employees be allowed to accrue compensation time up to 120 hours and compensation time above that amount be paid immediately. Attorney Meyers was directed to draft an ordinance on this for the September meeting.

Trustee Hatfield stated she had been approached by the village employees regarding health insurance being provided. Trustees believed this was an important issue. Hatfield will obtain quotes and information on the village's options.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION:

To change the liquor control ordinance so persons 18 years old can deliver alcohol to the table—servers cannot take money or sell alcohol—in compliance with state law.

Ordinance 07-10.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Second by: Trustee Hatfield

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours—Yes

Kuehl—Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield—Yes

Krall—Yes

Stephens—Yes

Trustee Sander raised a concern about barbed wire around the bottom of the fence at the fairgrounds. President Frank will look into the concern.

OLD BUSINESS:

A brief discussion regarding the water disconnection policy occurred.

Trustee Sours inquired about blinds for the Town Hall.

The meeting was recessed for Executive Session at 9:03 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular session reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

MOTION:

To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded: Trustee Sander

Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Lakamp

Clerk

Village of New Berlin