

Village of New Berlin Minutes
Village of Trustees Meeting, Town Hall
October 17, 2007

President Steve Frank called the Village of New Berlin Trustees meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17, 2007 at the Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was taken.

ATTENDANCE:

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

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE: Building Inspector Paul Sweet, Water and Sewer Superintendent Tim Bliss, Police Chief Terry Nydygger and Public Works Superintendent William Poole.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the meeting minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Sours

Seconded by: Trustee Stephens

Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION: To amend and approve the Sept. 19 Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Kuehl

Seconded by: Trustee Sander

Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the Oct. 3 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the Oct. 3 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Byers was excused. Trustee Stephens reported software errors had been detected and corrected. A Certificate of Deposit for the Water Fund and a Certificate of Deposit for the Sewer Fund were both due. The general consensus was to renew both for 13-months at a 4.34% interest rate at Warren Boynton Bank.

VILLAGE CLERK: No Report

POLICE REPORT: Chief Terry Nydygger reported 10 traffic stops were made in September.

AUDIENCE: None

TIF DISTRICT: No Report

COMMITTEES:

UTILITIES:

Superintendent Bliss reported the reservoir water level was down six feet. A brief discussion on the water restrictions was held. The Utilities Committee will meet to discuss. The Water Plant needs some repair. The plant door needs replaced and the some concrete is needed. The work is scheduled.

President Frank reported he attended the Chatham Village Meeting where a Letter of Intent and Ordinance were passed to negotiate with New Berlin.

MOTION: To pass 07-15 Ordinance approving Letter of Intent to negotiate the purchase of water from Chatham and Loami.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: 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

The Public Hearing on Water Rates is being moved to Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 at 7 pm. at the Village Hall.

Ed DeGroot, Benton & Associates, informed the Board that the Village of New Berlin received another CT violation and that a public notice is needed. There is paperwork but no fine. Contact times will have to be watched closely as time progresses due to the age of the plant and weather conditions.

ZONING:

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a zoning variance for a storage shed for the Komnick property. Letters from neighbors stating they have no objections to the shed are also on file.

MOTION: To accept Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to grant a side and back yard variance for storage shed to Jason and Melissa Komnick at 404 Clover Lane. .

Moved 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

MOTION: To accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to change zoning district from agricultural to commercial for Lots 1,2 & 3 of King Minor Subdivision, County Highway 10, 1255.521 West 867.88 East x 413.18 foot deep.

Moved by: Trustee Hatfield

Seconded by: 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

Community Unit School District #16 Superintendent Valarie Carr requested complete annexation of the school property and submitted maps showing the annexation.

MOTION: To pass Ordinance 07-16 Annexation of CUSD #16 property.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: 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

Superintendent Carr shared with the Board the new school, which is scheduled to open in Fall, 2009, will have a cafeteria that will be built to withstand F2 tornadoes so it will be an emergency resource for the community. There was also a brief exchange regarding sewer and water hook ups for the football field and ensuring that the school will be able to hook into the current water system or any future water system without compatibility or service volume issues.

No building permit report as the official letter of resignation had been received from Building Inspector Paul Sweet. Mark Witte had been identified and has accepted the Building Inspector's position with the Board's approval.

MOTION: To accept resignation of Paul Sweet as Building Inspector.

Moved by: Trustee Krall

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION: To approve Mark Witt as the new Village of New Berlin Building Inspector.

Moved by: Trustee Kuehl

Seconded by: Trustee Krall

Motion carries unanimously.

STREETS & PARKS:

The new truck will be in at the end of November.

MOTION: To renew the Crosier Lot Rental Lease for 12/1/07 thru 12/1/08 for \$600.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion on a roll call vote carries unanimously.

Roll call vote:

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

There have been some issues with St. Mary’s Church meeting code specifications for sidewalks around the church. Springfield Senior Living has asked the village to work with the church to find a solution. Superintendent Poole and the St. Mary’s architect have communicated on the specifications and on handicapped parking. Nothing has been heard from the church committee regarding the sidewalks. General discussion led to agreement that St. Mary’s Church would again receive \$500 as reimbursement from the village’s 50-50 Sidewalk Program. A letter would be sent to the church requesting the curb on the school side be fixed.

There was fire at the Village Brush Pile that seemed to be caused by illegal dumping of inappropriate material. The fire closed down Interstate 72 and drew the attention of the Health Department and EPA. General consensus is that the gates will be closed when the wind is blowing.

FINANCE:

MOTION: To pay the bills.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Krall

Motion on a roll call vote carries unanimously.

Roll call vote:

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

The tax levy will be presented on Nov. 21, 2007 to obtain the property tax funds.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Trustees Sours indicated the committee will meet in November.

PERSONNEL:

MOTION: To pass Ordinance 07-17 amending the Personnel Code regarding changes in compensatory time.

Moved by: Trustee Hatfield

Seconded by: Trustee Sander

Motion on a roll call vote carries unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Sours –Yes

Kuehl—Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield—Yes

Krall—Yes

Stephens—Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

President Frank was contacted by Ameren regarding upgrading streetlights to a more energy efficient and environmentally better light. The Village of New Berlin will sign up for the free offer of a street light but will not upgrade others due to cost.

Trustee Sander brought up the idea of Community Spirit Holiday Lights Festival. He was encouraged to look into the concept.

OLD BUSINESS: None

LIQUEOR: None

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield

Motion carries unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.