

Village of New Berlin Minutes
Village of Trustees Meeting, Town Hall
November 21, 2007

President Steve Frank called the Village of New Berlin Trustees meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Nov. 21, 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; Treasurer Shanda Byers, Village Clerk Deborah Lakamp and Attorney Mark Rabin.

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE: Building Inspector Mark Witt, Water and Sewer Superintendent Tim Bliss, Police Officer Craig Anderson, New Police Officer Jim Bryan, Public Works Superintendent William Poole, and Linda Hughes, *New Berlin Bee* Reporter.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the meeting minutes for Oct. 17, 2007.

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

MOTION: To approve the Oct. 17 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Byers reported that \$1,500 was moved from the water fund into a water fund CD that was renewed at 4.6% interest for 24 months. Property tax funds have been received.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report.

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

VILLAGE CLERK: No Report

POLICE REPORT: Officer Craig Anderson introduced the Village of New Berlin's newest Police Officer Jim Bryan, who was then sworn into office by President Frank. Officer Anderson then reported police activity in the last month. He encouraged all residents to keep their cars, garages and homes locked during the holiday season.

AUDIENCE: None

TIF DISTRICT: No Report

COMMITTEES:

UTILITIES:

Trustee Sander noted the public hearing on purchasing water and water rates went well with good questions being asked. There was no stated opposition to the proposed plans. He stated the Utility Committee met and is recommending increases in water rates.

MOTION: To pass Ordinance 07-18 establishing new water rates and amending section 38-4-11 of the Village of New Berlin Code of Ordinances.

Moved by: Trustee Sours

Seconded by: Trustee Sander

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours –Yes

Kuehl-- Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield--Yes

Krall—Yes

Stephens—Yes

The passage of the above motion establishes the following rates:

- First 1000 gallons: \$17.25/month, which will be minimum water bill.
- Each additional 1000 gallons: \$4.40/1000 gallons
- The average water bill is based on 4,500 gallons of water usage per month and would be increased by \$6.53 overall. The sewer rates will not increase. This is the first increase with another expected in 2008.
- Bulk water rates were also increased by the motion above to \$5/1000 gallons of water.

FINANCE:

Trustee Stephens reported a tax levy ordinance and the water abatement bond will need to be dealt with at the December Board Meeting.

STREETS & PARKS:

St. Mary's Church sent a letter to the Village of New Berlin requesting a permit to remove trees on the east side of the church.

MOTION: To not issue a permit to remove trees or replant new trees in the village right of way on the east side of St. Mary's.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield

Motion on a roll call vote carries unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Sours –Yes

Kuehl—Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield—Yes

Krall—Yes

Stephens—Yes

A general discussion was held regarding the curb destroyed by St. Mary's when bushes were torn out. A letter is to be sent to St. Mary's requesting the curb be fixed per general board consensus.

Trustee Krall is following up on the deliver of the new truck.

Pat Neuman is beginning the new subdivision of duplexes. The Village of New Berlin Ordinances requires him to pay and have on-site a village inspector. Public Works Superintendent Poole was to communicate and follow up on this matter.

President Frank was given a flag, which have been flown at the Statehouse, from Cary Cloyd to utilize.

FINANCE:

MOTION: To pay the bills.

Moved by: Trustee Hatfield

Seconded by: Trustee Stephens

Motion on a roll call vote carries unanimously.

Roll call vote:

Sours —Yes

Kuehl—Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield—Yes

Krall—Yes

Stephens—Yes

HEALTH & SAFETY

Trustee Sours reported the committee will meet on Dec. 5. Trustee Krall brought up speeding on Gibson Street. After discussion, the general consensus was to ask the police officers to focus on speeding on village streets to improve citizen safety.

PERSONNEL: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Sander reported there will be Holiday Light Contest with three prizes of \$50 for first, \$30 for second and \$20 for third.

There was a brief discussion of delinquent water bills.

LIQUEOR: None

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield

Motion carries unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Clerk
Village of New Berlin