

Village of New Berlin Minutes
Village of Trustees Meeting, Town Hall
Nov. 19, 2008

President Steve Frank called the Village of New Berlin Trustees meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on November 19, 2008 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 (arrived at 7:30 p.m.) and Curt Stephens; Treasurer Shanda Byers, Village Clerk Deborah Lakamp and Attorney John Myers.

ABSENT: None

AUDIENCE: Water and Sewer Superintendent Tim Bliss, Street & Parks Superintendent Billy Poole, Police Chief Terry Nydygger and Reporter Linda Hughes.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda.

Moved by: Trustee Kuehl

Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours—Yes	Kuehl—Yes
Sander—Yes	Hatfield—Yes
Krall—Not Present	Stephens—Yes

MOTION: To approve the Oct. 15, 2008 Executive Session Minutes.

Moved by: Trustee Sours

Seconded by: Trustee Sander

Motion carries unanimously.

VILLAGE CLERK: Reported on a letter received from the County Board Chairman.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Nydygger reviewed police activities for the last month. Those activities included 4 citations and 12 warning tickets. The village received \$263.92 from the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk and \$40 was received from the Vehicle Fund. He pointed out citizens who have a vehicle towed will have to obtain a release form from the New Berlin Police Department to clarify insurance and ownership prior to getting the vehicle released from an impound facility.

AUDIENCE: Nothing

TIF DISTRICT:

The TIF Joint Review Board Meeting was held. The TIF District Report (which runs 1 year behind) was reviewed by the trustees. The TIF District is doing well.

Mayor Frank reported the sewer project at Pine & Henry Streets was approved for TIF funding.

COMMITTEES:

UTILITIES:

Superintendent Bliss reported the sewer project at Pine & Henry Streets is complete with the exception of some rock and grading work on the road. Water leaks have been repaired at Danenberger's and on Liberty Lane. A leak at the reservoir is on the "to be fixed" list. The pump was turned on to fill the reservoir.

Trustee Sander reported on an effort to provide some billing relief to two customers with major water leaks.

Attorney Myers gave an update regarding Chatham closing on the land for the new water plant and obtained verbal confirmation that New Berlin is still planning on working with Chatham to supply the village's future water needs.

ZONING:

Trustee Kuehl reported one building permit is still outstanding. A letter has been issued for failure to obtain a building report. Kuehl announced that Tim Berry, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, is resigning as of Dec. 31, 2008. Discussion was held about offering the future chairman of that board some compensation.

The Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of Nov. 13 were reviewed. Discussion was held on the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to grant a zoning variance for the Dale Clements property at 202 S. Cedar allowing the owner to place a mobile home on property that is zoned residential. Residential zoning prohibits placement of mobile homes. The item was held until later in the agenda while Attorney Myers reviewed the topic in response to trustee questions.

STREETS & PARKS:

MOTION: To approve the one year lease for \$600 for the Crosier Property.

Moved by: Trustee Sours

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 Poole recommended hiring George Southard to trim trees around town as the village equipment is not appropriate resulting in a safety hazard.

MOTION: To hire George Southard to trim trees along the right-of-way easements for \$600 per day not to exceed three days and with current certificate of insurance on file.

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 Poole reported a pallet of salt is on-hand in preparation for bad weather. Trustee Sander brought up a concern regarding cracks in the roads in Windrow. Superintendent Poole said the cracks can't be patched until spring due to the process used to fix them.

FINANCE:

The Finance Committee met in Oct. to prepare the tax levy. It will be presented at the December meeting along with the water abatement.

HEALTH & SAFETY: No Report

PERSONNEL: No Report

RETURN TO ZONING:

MOTION: To approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation for a zoning variance at 202 S. Cedar allowing a mobile home placement in a residential area.

Moved by: Trustee Krall

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion failed 4-2 on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours –No

Kuehl—No

Sander—No

Hatfield—Yes

Krall— Yes

Stephens—No

MOTION: To send zoning variance recommendation back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for factual findings (Section 40-8-4 page 1022).

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Sours

Motion carries on a 4-2 roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Sours –Yes

Kuehl—Yes

Sander—Yes

Hatfield—No

Krall— No

Stephens—Yes

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Sander inquired about the status of the trailer by Kemp's. Trustee Kuehl says a permit needs to be filed at the village office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ruby Electric is still working on hooking up the generator and is coordinating services with other vendors to complete the job.

LIQUOR: No Report

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Clerk
Village of New Berlin