

Village of New Berlin Minutes
Village of Trustees Meeting, Town Hall
January 21, 2009

President Steve Frank called the Village of New Berlin Trustees Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2008 at the Village Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call was taken.

ATTENDANCE: President Steve Frank, Trustees Ryan Sours, Joel Sander, David Kuehl, Katie Hatfield, and Curt Stephens; Treasurer Shanda Byers, Village Clerk Deborah Lakamp and Attorney John Myers.

ABSENT: Trustee Mike Krall

AUDIENCE: Streets & Parks Superintendent Bill Poole, Police Chief Terry Nydygger, Sean Pickford, Benton & Associates, Mike Clayton, and Linda Hughes, Reporter.

The Building Report and the Minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda due to questions.

MOTION: To approve Consent Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

MOTION: To approve December Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

Amendment was the deletion of three duplicative words in a sentence.

A question about property lines was asked pertaining to the Building Report.

MOTION: To approve the Building Report.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

CLERK: No correspondence

POLICE REPORT: Chief Nydygger reported three written citations and one warning ticket. A total of \$398.92 was received from the Sangamon County Clerk from five tickets and \$100 was received from the Police Vehicle Fund. Chief Nydygger noted that citizens should lock their car doors, even in their driveways, as people have been looking for items to steal from unlocked cars in the communities of Chatham, Loami, Pleasant Plains and New Berlin.

He also urged citizens to make sure their house numbers were easily visible and readable from the street as police and emergency personnel lose valuable response time when they have to search for addresses.

Chief Nydygger reported all police officers went through taser recertification class. In addition, he stated the police department taser had failed/broken and the repair cost would be \$0-\$350. After Board discussion of the importance of a taser to officer safety, the trustees decided to purchase another taser.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a second taser not to exceed \$1,000.

Moved by: Trustee Sours

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

TIF: A brief conversation regarding the Shawnee National Properties Redevelopment Agreement was held.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

UTILITIES:

A discussion regarding an ordinance establishing a water commission with the Village of Chatham was held.

MOTION: To accept Ordinance 09-01 establishing a water commission.

Moved by: Trustee Sander

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

Mayor Frank reported he had approached Bill Pfeffer as the New Berlin representative to the newly formed Water Commission. A commissioner from New Berlin will be appointed every six years by the Village of New Berlin Mayor.

MOTION: To accept Mayor Frank's recommendation of Bill Pfeffer as the New Berlin Water Commissioner.

Moved by: Trustee Sours

Seconded by: Trustee Kuehl

Motion carries unanimously on a roll call.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

MOTION: To pass Ordinance 09-02 amending Section 38-21-1 of the Village of New Berlin Code of Ordinances pertaining to water and sewer customers.

Moved by: Trustee Stephens
Seconded by: Trustee Sours
Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

The ordinance changes how water and sewer customers who have vacant properties are charged.

Superintendent Bliss will be attending a three-day conference to work on his CEU's.

Sean Pickford, Benton & Associates, reported infrastructure RFP's for the King Minor Subdivision could be sent out by the end of the month for review by the attorney and then to vendors allowing for bids to be opened at the March 18 meeting.

ZONING: Trustee Kuehl stated that no Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson has been named. There is a request for a Board of Appeals hearing.

Mayor called for a break in committee reports so audience concerns could be heard.

AUDIENCE: Mike Clayton addressed the Board about several items. Mr. Clayton's comments included the following:

- Consideration of retroactive reimbursement from TIF money for improvements on has made on his business properties;
- A question as to whether TIF monies could be used for some restoration/improvements to his downtown buildings;
- How to prohibit parking on his property at Illinois/Cedar;
- A request for roof repairs to other properties as roof and tar paper are blowing onto his property from the old gas station and old restaurant;
- He is getting water drainage onto one of his properties and is requesting that elevation and grading be reviewed for compliance with zoning;
- The building of additional mini-storage and the security of the site;
- A request for police protection at coin show at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds in March.

STREETS & PARKS: Eckley Lawn Care Service submitted a proposal of \$2,350 for mowing the village parks in 2009. This proposal reflected a \$150 increase over the 2009 rate.

MOTION: To accept Eckley Lawn Service Proposal of \$2,350 for mowing the parks in 2009.

Moved by: Trustee Sours
Seconded by: Trustee Hatfield
Motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Sours:	Yes	Trustee Kuehl:	Yes
Trustee Sander:	Yes	Trustee Hatfield:	Yes
Trustee Stephens:	Yes		

FINANCE: Trustee Stephens reported that work will begin on the 2010 budget after the February Board meeting. He requested staff and committees submit items they would like funded by the February meeting.

HEALTH & SAFETY: A digital camera was purchased.

PERSONNEL: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Frank reported that a request of \$500,000 was made in response to the federal government's request for "shovel ready" projects. The money would be used to rebuild Ridder Road by the new school.

A drainage problem in Windrow was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: No Report

LIQUOR: No Report

MOTION: To adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Lakamp
Clerk
Village of New Berlin