

Public Hearing # 1 was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor, Peter Lennon. Mayor Lennon introduced proposed Local Law 1 of 2024.

Attendance: Peter Lennon, Dave Smith, Maryellen Canuel, Jim Crawford, Kelly Anderson, Jared Kline, Elaine Lenon, Mike Conroe, Carol Conroe, Tony Canuel, Brian Skidmore, Jared Hanslmaier, Don Anderson, Lisa Serradilla, Wendy Rifanburg, Diane Carlton, Dave Smith (virtual), Chris Capatelli (virtual), Delores Day (virtual), Kevin Phillips (virtual).

**Local Law No. 1 of the year 2024
Village of New Berlin, County of Chenango**

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of New Berlin to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of New Berlin, County of Chenango, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in

its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting for the Village of New Berlin was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor, Peter Lennon.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Peter Lennon, Mayor
Michelle Priola, Trustee
Maryellen Canuel, Trustee
Dave Smith, Trustee/Deputy Mayor (virtual)
Jim Crawford, Trustee

Members Absent: n/a

Others Present: Kelly Anderson, Jared Kline, Elaine Lenon, Mike Conroe, Carol Conroe, Tony Canuel, Brian Skidmore, Jared Hanslmaier, Don Anderson, Lisa Serradilla, Wendy Rifanburg, Diane Carlton, Chris Capatelli (virtual), Delores Day (virtual), Kevin Phillips (virtual).

ROLL CALL:

Priola – here
Crawford – here
Canuel– here
Smith – virtual
Lennon – here

PRIOR MINUTES

Maryellen Canuel made a motion to move forward and not discuss the prior minutes of the November 14th or December 12th meeting, by doing so, not approving the minutes nor revisiting them Pete Lennon seconded the motion. VOTE: Canuel – yes, Crawford – yes, Smith- virtual attendee (no vote), Burchill – yes, Lennon – yes. APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

Josh Burchill made a motion to solicit bids for a used Thumper (automatic compression unit) for the ambulance service in an amount not to exceed \$5,500. Maryellen Canuel seconded the motion.

Josh Burchill made a motion to rescind the motion to solicit bids for the procurement of a Thumper, Maryellen Canuel seconded the motion, as the procurement policy does not require the solicitation of bids, only two estimates for the equipment. VOTE: Canuel – yes, Crawford – yes, Smith- virtual attendee (no vote), Burchill – yes, Lennon – yes. APPROVED

Josh Burchill made a motion to add the review of the grant and loan contract offer from the Department of Health for the water project to the agenda under new business. Maryellen Canuel seconded the motion. VOTE: Canuel – yes, Crawford – yes, Smith- virtual attendee (no vote), Burchill – yes, Lennon – yes. APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – 2024-1

Whereas the Village of New Berlin will be starting budget preparation for the 2024/2025 Fiscal year that commences on June 1, 2024...

Whereas, the Village board of trustees may find it necessary to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year...

We, the board of trustees of the Village of New Berlin hereby resolve to adopt Local Law 1 of 2024 as follows:

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RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY: Maryellen Canuel

SECONDED BY: Josh Burchill

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BURCHILL: Yes SMITH: (virtual attendee, not eligible to vote) CRAWFORD: Yes CANUEL: Yes
LENNON: Yes

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 1

CARRIED: Yes

Josh Burchill made the motion to approve the mayor to sign the acceptance of the intent to utilize the Bipartisan Infrastructure award for the water project. Maryellen Canuel seconded the motion. VOTE: Canuel – yes, Crawford – yes, Smith- virtual attendee (no vote), Burchill – yes, Lennon – yes. APPROVED

Josh Burchill made a motion to accept the application at the discretion of the leader of the department, EMS Supervisor. James Crawford seconded the motion. VOTE: Canuel – yes, Crawford – yes, Smith- virtual attendee (no vote), Burchill – yes, Lennon – yes. APPROVED

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2024-2 “Resolution approving the payment of vouchers.”

Whereas, the Treasurer of the Village has presented the following bills for payment...

General Fund - \$98,300.14

Water Fund - \$ 9,738.60

EMS Fund - ~~\$20,120.82~~ \$17,870.82 – Alert EMS excluded

Total Expenditures - ~~\$ 128,159.56~~ \$125,909.56

Whereas, The Board of Trustees has audited the claims presented for payment.

Now, therefore...

Be it RESOLVED that the Village of New Berlin Board of Trustees, hereby approves payment of the aforementioned bills for payments.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY: Maryellen Canuel SECONDED BY: Jim Crawford

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Burchill: Yes Canuel: Yes Crawford: Yes Lennon: Yes Smith: absent (virtual attendance)

YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 1

CARRIED: Yes

Maryellen Canuel made the motion to approve the treasurer reports. Josh Burchill seconded the motion.

VOTE: Canuel – yes, Crawford – yes, Smith- virtual attendee (no vote), Burchill – yes, Lennon – yes.

APPROVED

Josh Burchill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maryellen Canuel seconded the motion. VOTE:

Canuel – yes, Crawford – yes, Smith- virtual attendee (no vote), Burchill – yes, Lennon – yes. APPROVED

Adjourned at 8:55 PM - Kelly Anderson, Village Clerk and Treasurer