

The Village of New Berlin

Minutes of May 20, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of New Berlin was held on May 20, 2024 at 6:30PM

Members in Attendance

Peter Lennon, Mayor

David Smith, Trustee

James Crawford, Trustee

Maryellen Canuel, Trustee

Josh Burchill, Trustee

Others Present: Jared Kline, Dale Barton, Bob Starr, Eric Fletcher, Don Anderson, Tony Canuel, Joe Zippi, Mick Byrne, Diann Davisson

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 16th Special Meeting were approved on motion by David Smith, seconded by Josh Burchill

VOTE: Smith	yes
Crawford	yes
Canuel	yes
Burchill	yes
Lennon	yes

Motion Approved

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Eric Fletcher formally presented his request to operate a food truck for the summer at Hyde Park as he had done in previous years.

Mick Byrne and Joe Zippi from EJP presented two options for the Village's water meters from Kamstrup: one was a drive-by system which would dramatically reduce the reading of the meters and the other a fixed-point system which would be essentially a real-time continuous read systems. The board requested that EJP return in a few weeks to present their recommendation and a general price proposal for each option.

FIRE DEPT

The Department's monthly report for the month of April was given with a total of 10 calls; 94 miles and 66 personnel involved. (Two calls to the Village of New Berlin; three for the town of New Berlin and five for the town of Columbus.) Two Mutual Aid received and on call where Mutual Aid was given.

EMS REPORT

The EMS report for the month of was submitted: 38 calls were received and 23 transports performed. Old ambulance "259" is at Haussman's Diesel Repairs in Laurens receiving final repairs to the transmission so it can be re-offered on Auctions International as an operational vehicle.

DPW REPORT

The DPW has been busy with mowing and maintenance in the cemetery and other Village owned properties- The crew is down to 3 personnel right now with the pending departure of Tanner Webb; Steps will be taken to fill that position through Civil Service. An update was provided regarding repairs to the municipal parking lot near the old firehouse; Preliminary discussion was conducted regarding sealing operations for several Village Streets.

GRANTS

Water Project: Mayor Lennon reminded the board that responses to the RFQ for engineering management services for the water project are due 23 May.

SAM Grant – nothing new

CREST Grant - The Village is awaiting the approved Grant Distribution Agreement from DASNY- Once this is receipted, the receipts for the 2016 Ambulance and the communications system will be submitted for reimbursement. The residual approximately \$17,483 from the grant is to be committed to a new Thumper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CD LOAN REPORT :There was no change for last month's report.

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE: Mayor Lennon updated the board that the Village Memorial Day Parade (from Hyde Park to Milford Academy), which was being coordinated through the Community Events Committee was on-track for 9:30 AM May 27th. An order of march has been created, parade coordinators (to include Cindy Fraser and Maryellen Canuel) will choreograph the flow from Hyde Park. A sound system and announcer have been identified to call the parade flow at the Baio Green Space : Security has been coordinated. The subsequent Honors Ceremony at Milforda Academy is the responsibility of the American Legion.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: No new activity in the last month.

SAFER/SLOWER Committee: No new report.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Maryellen continues to work on finalizing the procurement of camera with the Village and with our mutual vendor. She is continuing to collect/review information regarding telecommunications in pursuit of a more cost-efficient bundled approach.

Pete has tentatively coordinated a briefing to Columbus regarding a contractual EMS support relationship

OLD BUSINESS

The position of Youth Commissioner which is currently vacant was offered to and accepted by Josh Burchill who was not present at the April 2024 Organizational Meeting. The Board approved this assignment unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Ellen stated there has been an increase in the incidents of animals roaming loose on Village property and that an update may need be proposed to the current Animals Law for the Village is needed. She will review the current law and report back to the board. .

Approval of Mr. Eric Fletcher to Operate a permitted Food Truck at Hyde Park

David Smith made to motion approve Mr. Fletcher's permit for the summer/fall of 2024. Seconded by Josh Burchill.

VOTE: Smith	yes
Canuel	yes
Burchill	yes
Crawford	yes
Lennon	yes

MOTION APPROVED

Approval to Re-levy Water Bills:

Josh Burchill made to motion approve relieving of the water bills. Seconded by David Smith.

VOTE: Smith	yes
Canuel	yes
Burchill	yes
Crawford	yes
Lennon	yes

MOTION APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Josh Burchill made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues; Maryellen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Smith yes
 Canuel yes
 Burchill yes
 Crawford yes
 Lennon yes

MOTION APPROVED

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:55PM PM to 8:25 PM

Josh Burchill made the motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Dave Smith. VOTE: Smith
 yes

 Canuel yes
 Burchill yes
 Crawford yes
 Lennon yes Approved

Maryellen made the following resolution;

 WHEREAS: The Village of New Berlin has the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer open and
 WHEREAS : The Mayor has the authority to appoint someone into this position,

 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT; The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of New Berlin approve the appointment of Diann Davisson to the position of Deputy Clerk Treasurer until 30 June 2024 when the need for this position will be further assessed.

 Seconded by David Smith.

VOTE: Smith yes
 Canuel yes
 Burchil yes
 Crawford abstain
 Lennon yes

RESOLUTION APPROVED:

ABSTRACTS/TREASURER’S REPORT

No abstracts or Treasurers were submitted for approval at this meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 pm

Submitted by Diann Davisson, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer