

The Village of New Berlin

Minutes of August 13, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2024 entitled ANIMALS

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of New Berlin was called to order by Mayor Lennon at 6:00 PM

Members in Attendance

Peter Lennon, Mayor

Maryellen Canuel, Trustee

Members Absent

Josh Burchill, Trustee

David Smith, Trustee

James Crawford, Trustee (Joined at 6:45 PM)

Others Present: Jared Kline, Robert Starr, Tony Canuel, Don Anderson, Lisa Sardilla, Joe Zippi (representative for EJP), Thaddeus Karaman (representative of NBT), Brian Skidmore (project engineer Barton and Loguidice). Diann Davisson

With no public comments presented for the Local Law #2 the public hearing was closed at 6:30PM

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING 8/13/24.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees followed the Public Hearing

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Mr. Joe Zippi (EJP) briefed the board on two different types of water meters that could be considered for our water project. He presented (unsolicited) quotes for each meter discussed.

The Kamstrup 2100 is meter system is a drive-by system with ultra sonic readers. Reading meters would entail drive by only, Meters for this system cost approximately \$225 per unit

The Kamstrup 2200 system is fixed-based with readings go directly to a collector program in the Village office. The collector system would cost an additional \$15,000 with \$20,000 for installation The 2200 system also provides a leak detection capability. Meters for this system cost approximately \$325 per unit.

Mr. Zippi recommends that, with only 400 accounts and no significant increase in subscribers the near future, that the 2100 system would be more cost efficient for the village. These meters also have a 20 year warranty.

Thaddeus Karaman, New Berlin Branch Manager at NBT, refreshed the board on the on-going effort to make increased usage of the Intra-Fi Network strategy. Deposits made into this network are fully FDIC insured up to \$250K. Interest rates are always above the normal regular rate for Municipal deposits with all funds having the same liquidity as funds in normal savings/money market accounts. The Board had previously approved investing tax-payer funded accounts in these accounts previously- however, do to some administrative delays, there may need to be new signatures. Current rates on a money market account at 3% for a municipality and with IntraFi these rates are 4.96%. Based on the previous approval

of the Board and the continued recommendation of our official depository, the applicable village monies will be invested in the Intrafi accounts.

Lisa Sarandilla advised the board that she has discussed the potential reprogramming of traffic light on the four corners with NYS DOT. It may be possible to:

Extend the red light during the night hours (11 PM to 5 AM) going north and south. This may slow traffic coming into the intersection.

In a related traffic issue, Mayor Lennon suggested that parking on the east side of No. Main by the "Green Space" be limited to 30 minutes with no idling between the hours of 9PM and 5AM. The Village will hold a public hearing prior to the regularly scheduled Sept. 10th meeting to gather public input regarding parking at this area.

FIRE DEPT

Don Anderson gave the Fire Dept report for the month of July. The Dept had an inspection last week and the findings are that a significant amount of the hose is outdated will have to be replaced: This cost could be as high as approximately \$5000.

Vehicle 256 is out of service and had to be towed to Burts in Norwich to be put on a computer to determine what is wrong. Dave Smith, the Fire Dept Commissioner will be notified when a determination is made.

EMS

The July report was submitted. Robert Starr our EMS Coordinator, is absent as he is presenting the 6 month (Jul -Dec) EMS contract to the Town of Pittsfield at their meeting tonight. Without the required prior notification, this contract proposal is again in the amount of \$7650.00

The EMS service has been inspected by the DOH. Our policies need to be updated- the recommendation was that we base our on Chenango County's newer (2021) policies. We will be responding to the DOH regarding our actions related to the inspection in the next 30 days.

Our application for narcotics recertification has been submitted.

The Village has presented a proposal to the Town of Columbus Board for EMS coverage for the area defined by the NB Fire District. This area is currently being covered by Sherburne.

DPW

Jared Kline, DPW Working Supervisor, gave the report for July.

Kody Brown is our new employee and is working out very well.

Sidewalk replacement requests on So. Main Street and Green Street have been submitted and the property owner portions have been paid. These replacements will be scheduled by the DPW.

Temporary street repairs to New Berlin Heights and West Street are necessary to be able to schedule and perform more extensive paving next year.

The Ackermans have requested removal of a tree on the No. Main to Holmes Ave right of way at the rear of their property.

GRANTS

Brian Skidmore, Barton and Loguidice, provided an update on our funding options for the water project. The target service charge for this project remains the same as briefed previously- \$391 per unit for debt service. With the additional funding from grants and low interest loans, we have been able to include all required areas* that were not included in the original plans. Previous project cost was estimated at \$15.4 million. A project cost of 18.4 million would allow for a debt service cost per unit of \$391. * Cushman and Maple are not included within this project as these water mains were replaced in the 1980's and still have an extended period of serviceability.

An amended BAN resolution will be needed to support the project cost of \$18.4 million.

An amended engineering service agreement with Barton and Loguidice will also be needed.

GRANTS

The first reimbursement associated with the NYS (DASNY) EMS grant (Approx \$57k) is scheduled to be executed this week. That funding and the sale of the old ambulance will move than support the purchase (reimbursable) of a new thumper.

CD LOAN

Mr. Canuel gave a report on the CD Loan status. No new grants are being processed at this time.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

We are looking for interested persons to sit on this committee and fill the spot left open with the passing of Mr. Chris Capitelli.

BUILDING COMMISSION

Cameras for village security are continued to be worked: A separate server may be needed- this cost would have only limited impact on the Village's cost.

Cemetery tree removal is awaiting for Mr. Harrington to be able to schedule this project.

Painting of the Village Offices and Library can be placed out for bid for the spring of 2025.

WATER

The lead service line inventory is due by October 16th, 2024

At this time the Village feels a drive by system would be appropriate for our Village

James Crawford made the motion to purchase the drive-by Kamstrup 2100 meters. These meters should be purchased by 12/31/2024 unless by that time a newer more efficient meter is developed. Seconded by MaryEllen Canuel.

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| VOTE: Crawford | yes |
| Canuel | yes |
| Lennon | yes |

APPROVED

LOCAL LAW #2 of 2024

MaryEllen Canuel made the motion to adopt the Local Law #2 of 2024 entitled Animals as presented at the Public Hearing. James Crawford seconded this motion.

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| VOTE: Canuel | yes |
| Crawford | yes |
| Lennon | yes |

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CLERK TREAS

Deputy Clerk Treasurer Diann Davisson has submitted her resignation effective 8/31/2024

Training from outside sources such as NYCOM for Nicole Crawford was discussed: No decision was made.

A computer for the Village Clerks office will be purchased

CLEANING PERSONNEL

It is has been reported that Stephanie Holbart may not be able/willing to continue her cleaning services for the village offices.

James Crawford made the motion to hire Cindy Frase, if needed for 1 hour per week at \$15 per hour. She would perform those tasks on a day and time separate from her clerk hours. Seconded by MaryEllen Canuel.

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| VOTE: Canuel | yes |
| Crawford | yes |
| Lennon | yes |

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EMS PERSONEL

A new list from Civil Service is being finalized by Chenango County.

James Crawford made the motion to approve Leroy Burlingame as an ALS for up to 32 hours per week and Joe Ceiseker as BLS for up to 32 hours once their names are on that list. MaryEllen Canuel seconded this motion

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| VOTE: Crawford | yes |
| Canuel | yes |
| Lennon | yes |

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The Village Christmas Tree Lighting was discussed. We will coordinate a date for this celebration with the School, the Community Events Committee and other Village entities. Probable dates are December 8th or 14th.

The advertisement for a part-time, seasonal employee for Cemetery help has had no response.

Prior to any action relating to the area behind the Village Office/Library that frequently ponds up after a storm, the right-of-way and its ownership must be determined. at the rear of the village offices is being determined for ownership.

Abstracts were approved on motion by MaryEllen Canuel and seconded by James Crawford

VOTE: Canuel yes

 Crawford yes

 Lennon yes.

APPROVED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55PM

Diann Davisson, Deputy Clerk Treas.