

Village of New Berlin

Minutes of September 18, 2024

Special Meeting: Held to address the payment of routine/monthly expenses and to advance other minor property maintenance expenditures that could not be acted upon by resolution at the September 10th meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Called to order at 7:00 am

Members Present: Peter Lennon, Mayor
David Smith, Trustee/Deputy Mayor
MaryEllen Canuel, Trustee
James Crawford, Trustee

Members Absent: Joshua Burchill, Trustee

Others Present: None

Resolution Approving the Payment of Monthly Vouchers	RESOLUTION Resolution No. 2024-15 "Resolution approving the payment of vouchers." Whereas, the Treasurer of the Village has presented the following bills for payment... General Fund - \$63,973.02 Water Fund - \$ 3,758.46 EMS Fund - \$4,539.74 Total Expenditures - \$ 72,271.22 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: Dave Smith SECONDED BY: MaryEllen Canuel ROLL CALL VOTE: Burchill: absent Canuel: Yes Crawford: Yes Lennon: Yes Smith: Yes YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 1 CARRIED: Yes
Fire & EMS Service Contract	Mayor Peter Lennon gave background to the fact that the municipalities currently in contract for Fire & EMS Services, were aware that there would be a 2% increase in the Fire District Agreement and a 5% increase for EMS Service Agreements. There has been some back & forth with the Town of New Berlin Board, and a compromise of a 4% increase at 6- month intervals for EMS Services has been proposed. Mayor Lennon, in agreement with the proposed compromise, put forth the motion to submit the contracts to the Town of New Berlin EMS Services at a 4% increase for a 6-month term and Town of New Berlin Fire Services at a 2% increase for the term of 1 year. Trustee Canuel seconds that motion, Trustee's Smith & Crawford lend their approval to the motion.

<p>Village's Front Apartment Rental</p>	<p>Trustee Canuel updates the board on the possible rental candidate for the Villages Front Apartment. The board has copies of the candidate's financial statement & other than student loan debt it looks great. She has impeccable references. She will be living and working here full time with her daughter. Trustee Canuel puts forth the motion to approve Chandler Nevel's rental application. Trustee Crawford seconds the motion. Mayor Lennon & Deputy Mayor Smith in agreement with the motion. Mayor Lennon wants to confirm the tenants estimated move in date and cost per month of rental. Trustee Canuel advised that the move-in date is set for 10/1 & the previously agreed monthly rental amount of \$800 is stated in the lease.</p>
<p>Paint & Repairs to Front Rental</p>	<p>Trustee Canuel put forth the motion to approve the estimate for necessary repairs & painting of the front rental unit presented by <i>Motivated Laborers</i> in the amount of \$2395.37. Deputy Mayor Smith seconded this motion with Mayor Lennon and Trustee Crawford in favor. Trustee Canuel advised the Board that the plumber is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, the amount of the plumbing repairs should not require board approval.</p>
<p>Gutters & Roofing</p>	<p>Trustee Canuel reviews with board the findings from <i>S&S Roofing</i> when they came out to clean the gutters located at the Municipal Building/Library. They had found repairs & replacements that would be necessary & advised that the Library roof would need a full replacement in the next 1-2 years, but they would patch what is needed for the time. An estimate for all the required work totaling \$4850.00 was presented. A discussion regarding roof replacements and the fact that the solar panel company would need to be contacted to remove and then reinstall the panels after the roof is complete would have to keep this in mind during the process going forward. Trustee Canuel motioned to approve the estimate from S&S Roofing, Trustee Crawford seconded this motion. Mayor Lennon & Deputy Mayor Smith in favor.</p>
<p>Public Hearing on "Vehicles & Traffic" Law</p>	<p>Trustee Crawford asks if there will be further discussion on the matter of the 9/10 Public Hearing regarding the "Vehicles & Traffic Law". Mayor Lennon informed that the matter will be discussed again at the Regular 10/8 Board Meeting.</p>
<p>EMS Discussion</p>	<p>Mayor Lennon informed the board that Assemblymen Joseph Angelino will be in the Village next Tuesday, he will be taking pictures with the EMS Department and the newly received "thumper" (cardiac compression machine) that was awarded to the village through grant money. Mayor Lennon will be handling some recently posed questions from the Town of Pittsfield regarding missed calls over the weekend. He explained to the board, we have been short-staffed due to Emergency Service Personnel having to manage an unexpected family emergency.</p>
<p>Grant & Funding Updates</p>	<p>Mayor Lennon advised the board of a couple grants that are awaiting reports. He has found through research & contacts that any excess funding from the grant for the water meters may be used to reimburse pay for the installation of the meters. Reports have not been finalized & submitted on The American Relief Rescue Plan Grant that was given during COVID as stimulation funds. There is a</p>

	<p>conflict in figures that must be sorted out before finalization. In consideration of advice received from NYCOM, Mayor Lennon suggested that the Village contact the former Village Clerk (Lake Placid, Peggy Mousaw) who specializes in these kinds of reports, to look at the figures we have submitted to the federal government in previous reports and compare them to our internal figures before finalizing this report, assuring the Village's compliance. Deputy Mayor Smith, Trustee Canuel, & Trustee Crawford all in agreement with this suggestion. Mayor Lennon Reminds the Board that the Public Session Update of the Water Project will take place tomorrow evening at 6:30 pm at the Chobani Community Center, led by Barton & Loguidice and that Jared (Kline-DPW Supervisor) and Don Anderson and Jared Hansmaier Fire Chief/Asst Fire Chief) have been invited. He estimates that this briefing should be concise. The board is still waiting to receive documentation on the details of Thursday evening's public presentation from Barton & Loguidice, for review. There is board discussion regarding the fund cost, possible project savings, and what can be done if there is additional/excess funding.</p>
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Deputy Mayor, David Smith exits meeting 7:30 AM
Trustee MaryEllen Canuel motioned to adjourn meeting
Trustee James Crawford Seconds Motions
Mayor Lennon is in favor
Meeting Adjourned 7:34 AM