

VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN

April 21, 2026 Special Board Meeting

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

Roll Call:

Mayor Peter Lennon- Present

Deputy Mayor/Trustee Kelly Banks-Present

Trustee Richard Noble-Present

Trustee Allan Hunter-Present

Trustee James Crawford-Absent

Other Attendees: Clerk Treasurer Brian Pinney

Pete advised there were three topics requiring this special meeting:

First: At the last Board meeting, the Board had received a recommendation from the CD Loan Committee to approve a loan request for \$10,000.00: Unfortunately, we departed the meeting without taking formal action on that recommendation. The Board needs to take action so that this applicant can be notified if his loan request was approved.

Allan made the motion to approve the loan above. Richard seconded the motion. All present voted in Favor.

Second: The board has discussed at previous board meetings, and during the most recent budget workshop, the cost advantages of procuring a used street sweeper, rather than renting a sweeper 2-3 times per year. At that budget workshop, we discussed and factored into the budget, a ceiling of \$12,000 that we would be willing to pay at auction to procure a used sweeper, understanding that those funds would be reimbursed through the CHIPS Program. There are multiple sweepers listed on the Auctions International platform at this time. The most attractive one is listed at a very low price right now, and there are only 2-3 more days left in that online auction period. There are other sweepers available with varying auction end dates if the bidding on that one exceeds our threshold. If in fact we were to get a sweeper, we would then submit the paperwork to the regional CHIPS office for reimbursement: Jared is familiar with this process. We would need to keep the sweeper for 10 years.

DPW has informed us for several months that the Pelican sweeper we currently own has several major mechanical issues and can no longer be considered operable or reasonably repairable. The board voted at a previous meeting to sell that sweeper through Auctions International for scrap/parts and to allocate the proceeds toward a new welder.

Richard made the motion to approve spending up to \$12,000 for the purchase of a sweeper on the Auctions International platform, understanding that such an expenditure would be reimbursable through CHIPS. Kelly seconded the motion. All present voted in Favor.

Third is the wooden bridge over Millbrook Creek that connects Hill and West Streets. It was an old one lane bridge, that at one point was capable of carrying light vehicles: However, in the last several decades, it has been foot traffic only. It has deteriorated to a point where there are soft spots and actual holes in the bridge decking itself. There is a lot of foot traffic in the area, but we have blocked off the bridge right now. It is felt that we would be held accountable if anyone were to fall- approximately 80 feet into the creek. In the springtime, there is also very fast-moving water and sharp rocks. To keep our community safe, and reduce the Village's exposure, we need to repair this bridge as soon as possible. We would use pressure-treated wood, and it would be DPW labor. The approximate cost for wood and hardware is just over the \$2,000.00 threshold that can be approved without board approval: The exact amount of the invoice is \$2,056.00.

Richard made the motion to approve the expenditure and Kelly seconded. All present voted in Favor.

May 12th will be our next regularly scheduled meeting. A significant topic for that meeting will be the approval of the updated EMS Employee manual. We should also receive an update on the Letter of Intent to Purchase Property between Good Shepherd Communities and the Village. This potential sale is moving along on two parallel tracks. One is the Letter of Intent leading to a potential sale between Good Shepherd and the Village. The other track is the state legislative action to approve the Village's use of Home Rule to potentially sell the property.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.