

**VILLAGE OF NEW BERLIN**

**May 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting**

Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Mayor Peter Lennon-Present

Deputy Mayor/Trustee Kelly Banks-Present

Trustee Allan Hunter-Present

Trustee Richard Noble-Present

Trustee James Crawford-Present

Pete advised that we are starting out with a hearing regarding the request for home rule authority from New York State regarding the potential transfer of the parcel up to the south and west of Rotary Pavillion to Good Shepherd Community. Again, this is just to review the bidding, and we now have a Letter of Intent to purchase real property from Good Shepherd. The second track is to have the authority to sell a piece of property that in 1925 was donated to the village for the purpose of our land, athletic activities and/or recreational activities. The village does not have that local legislative ability to conduct that transfer and must act by the State of New York, go through the Assembly and also through the Senate and formally signed by the Governor to give us the authority to sell that property – if in fact we can come up with an adequate contract that meets both parties' needs. This current process has to be started to be done by the end of the legislative session, which is scheduled to finish up on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. There are two bills that have been submitted, one through the Assembly by Assemblyman Angelino and one by Senator Griffo requesting that we have received that authority. Those bill numbers have been assigned. The second piece of that is to request the home rule, the ability to under home rule to be able to execute or consummate such a deal that we deem it appropriate. Pete informed everyone that we have the Letter of Intent with legal permission to proceed with a contractual agreement that will allow us to transfer the property and apply at least a portion of the proceeds to that property to park restoration. A discussion was held about if there were any other areas within the village that these funds could be targeted towards.

While we are the last minute of this discussion related to Good Shepherd, Chase Memorial has been notified that they have received a 5 star quality rating in the latest inspection. They were a 3 star rating last year. This is very positive.

The Public Hearing was closed at this point. Kelly made the Motion, seconded by Richard. All in favor.