

**TOWN OF NEW BERLIN
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 08, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARING

6:02 Public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2024 to change the Town Clerk position from an elected to an appointed position

Discussion on changing the appointed term from two years to one year- John Parks

Keeping previous employed on for some time is beneficial- Peter Lennon

Pros and Cons: Job Security, No need to run for the position, taking the voter's vote away- Wendy Rifanburg

Article, inform the public- Teresa Clarke

Close the public hearing at 6:15

6:15 Public hearing for Local Law #3 of 2024 to change the Town supervisor term from 2 years to a 4-year term

Just learning the job then your up-John parks

Mixes feelings, Training, and learning job then your term is up- Wendy Rifanburg

Learn the job, build up a project then lose the next election and it starts all over- Roy Stockwell

Put an article in the paper- informational article – Teresa Clarke and Pete Lennon

Close the public hearing at 6:30

Call TO ORDER

Wendy Rifanburg called the Regular Monthly meeting of the Town Board at the Town Hall to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor: Wendy Rifanburg

Council Members Present: John Parks, April Christian, Sarah Wales-Wright (Arrived 6:15), Roy Stockwell (arrived 6:10)

Town Clerk: Deborah Barker

Absent:

Wendy Rifanburg led salute to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mayor Peter Lennon discussed the following topics: *Mamo Van on 7/11 Town parking lot * Summer youth program 8-12 Hyde park, under 7 library M-TH 8-12

PREVIOUS MONTHS BOARD MEETING MINUTES ACCEPTED

- A motion was introduced by Parks to accept the Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2024, seconded by Stockwell. Carried 4-1 Parks: Y Wales-Wright: Abstain Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 4-1 (Abstention)

ACCEPT MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was made by Stockwell to accept the monthly reports for filing, seconded by Parks. Parks: Y Wales-Wright: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 5-0

Supervisor – Report submitted verbally

- SNB meters. Thoughts to consider, no meters or Flat rate

Highway- Report submitted

- Considering cross training MEO's for SNB Water certification

Police – Report submitted

Town Justice – Report submitted

SNBWD – Report submitted

Assessor - Attached

- Reval?

Town Clerk – Report submitted

Millbrook- Report submitted

- Sales are good
- Cash drawer issue resolved

ACCEPT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Planning Board Committee: Planning Board Minutes for May 02, 2024 Mtg.

- The July meeting will be rescheduled to July 11 due to the holiday
- Advertise for a Public hearing on July 11, 2024, for a minor subdivision at 5:45

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE

Highway: John Parks

Buildings and Grounds: John Parks

Youth Program: Sarah Wales-Wright

- Ask Hwy for 15 MPH signs to slow cars

Ambulance: Wendy Rifanburg

- Possible 5% increase in budget next year

Police: April Christian

SNB Water District: Roy Stockwell

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

A motion to accept month-end financial reports, operating statements, and revolving loan funds was introduced by: Parks and seconded by: Christian. Parks: Y Wales-Wright: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Highway changing hours – Hours will remain the same

Live scan - tabled

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Stockwell to accept the 2025 insurance quote from Glatfelter, seconded by Wales-Wright. Parks: Y Wales-Wright: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 5-0
- A motion was made by Parks to hire Joseph Thomsen as an MEO, seconded by Wales-Wright. Parks: Y Wales-Wright: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 5-0
- A motion was made by Christian to hire Jamie Coyle (Lewis) as Deputy Clerk, seconded by Wales-Wright. Parks: N Wales-Wright: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 4-1 (No)

- A motion was made Wales-Wright to purchase a computer (799.00) for the bookkeepers' desk, seconded by Parks. Parks: Y Wales-Wright: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 5-0

Resolution # 40 of 2024 Authorizing to pay the audited vouchers totaling \$20,429.46

Resolution Introduced by: Rifanburg Seconded BY: Christian

Roll call Vote: Parks: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Wales-Wright: A Christian: Y

Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstention: 1 Absent: 0

Carried: X Not Carried:

Resolution # 41 of 2024 Authorizing the amendment of the budget to transfer \$37,485.00 from the Arpa fund to FX 83204.8 to purchase a generator

Resolution Introduced by: Wales-Wright Seconded BY: Parks

Roll call Vote: Parks: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Wales-Wright: Y Christian: Y

Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0

Carried: X Not Carried:

Resolution # 42 of 2024 Authorizing the amendment of the budget to transfer \$19,760.99 from General reserves to Building A16204.1 to purchase cameras

Resolution Introduced By: Rifanburg Seconded BY: Christian

Roll Call Vote: Parks: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Wales-Wright: Y Christian: Y

YES: 5 NO: 0 Abstention: 0 Absent: 0

Carried: X Not Carried:

Local Law #2 of 2024 – Change the office of the Town Clerk from an appointed position to an elected position

LL Introduced by: Parks Seconded BY: Wales-Wright

Roll call vote: Parks: Y Stockwell: N Rifanburg: Y Wales-Wright: Y Christian: N

YES: 3 NO: 2 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 0

CARRIED: X NOT CARRIED:

Local Law #3 of 2024 – Change the term of office of the Town Supervisor from 2 years to 4 years.

LL Introduced by: Christian Seconded BY: Stockwell

Roll call vote: Parks: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Wales-Wright: Y Christian: Y

YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 ABSENT: 0

CARRIED: X NOT CARRIED:

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURN 8:51

A motion was made by Stockwell to adjourn, seconded by Wales-Wright. Parks: Y Wales-Wright: Y Stockwell: Y Rifanburg: Y Christian: Y Carried 5-0

Minutes of the July 08, 2024 meeting were taken and typed by Deborah Barker, Town Clerk