

**TOWN OF NEW BERLIN
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 08, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor, Robert Starr called the Public Hearing of the Town Board at Town Hall to order at 5:30p.m.

Supervisor: Robert Starr

Council Members Present: Wendy Rifanburg, John Parks, Josh Burchill,

Town Clerk: Deborah Barker

Absent: Roy Stockwell

- During the public hearing Rifanburg made it clear that she was opposed to a higher than 2% increase on the ambulance. She said it isn't right to the taxpayers that New Berlin take the financial responsibility when other Town receive NB Ambulance services for free.
- The Village will meet Tuesday evening and Mayor Lennon will see what figures he can negotiate with Board of trustees.

Supervisor, Robert Starr called the Regular Monthly meeting of the Town Board at Town Hall to order at 6:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor: Robert Starr

Council Members Present: Wendy Rifanburg, John Parks, Josh Burchill

Town Clerk: Deborah Barker

Absent: Roy Stockwell

Salute to the Flag was led by Robert Starr

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Residents affected by Mr Sapinski's cows were present to plead for assistance with the issue of Cows and several bulls roaming their property, ruining the yards, trees, plants, and disturbing their right to peace in their yards.
- There was discussion on what has been done as well as why it has been so difficult with gray area laws.
- Officer Kaminski assured the residents that he is working on it and will do whatever he can remedy.

PREVIOUS MONTHS BOARD MEETING MINUTES ACCEPTED

A motion was introduced by Rifanburg to accept September 13, 2021 Board Meeting minutes, Seconded by Parks

BURCHILL: Abstain PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: Absent RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-1-1

October Minutes were tabled

ACCEPT MONTHLY REPORTS

A motion was introduced by Rifanburg to accept the monthly reports for filing, seconded by: Burchill

BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

- Highway- Report submitted
 - A motion was made by Parks to sign the shared service agreement with NYSDOT for a 4 year term, seconded by Burchill. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1
 - Millbrook was closed on October 18th
 - Chips paperwork has been turned in for a total reimbursement of \$178,521.00
 - The crew has completed attaching plows and spreaders to the trucks
 - Quote for new Loader was reviewed

- New Berlin Police – Report submitted
 - FYI #145 has 155K miles, Kaminski will look into grants for a new vehicle. Once the already purchased new vehicle is on the road the two will be driven on odd/even days to spread the wear.
 - A motion was made by Rifanburg to purchase a BP vest for Officer Kaminski, seconded by Parks. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1
 - All season tires for 145 and winter tires for the New Vehicle need to be purchased. Board agreed.
- Town Justice – Report submitted
- SNBWD – Report submitted
- Assessor -
- Town Clerk – Report submitted

ACCEPT COMMITTEE MINUTES

- Planning Board Committee: October 2021 Minutes

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MINUTES

- Highway: John Parks
- Buildings and Grounds: John Parks
- Youth Program: Josh Burchill
- Ambulance: Wendy Rifanburg
- Police: Josh Burchill
- SNB Water District: Roy Stockwell

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Rifanburg audited the vouchers for October 13, 2021 through November 08, 2021 and made a motion to accept and approve Seconded by Stockwell: BURCHILL: A PARKS: A STARR: Y STOCKWELL: Y RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 3-2

APPROVAL OF THE BALANCE SHEET/LOAN FUND BALANCE SHEETS

Fund	Prepay	Unpaid
General	22,938.15	9442.24
Town Outside Village		754.33
Highway DA		
Highway DB	54.44	7252.49
Street Lighting		624.96
SNB Water District	1017.51	461.27
Ambulance/Fire Dist		

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

A motion to accept month end financial reports, operating statements, revolving loan funds was introduced by: Rifanburg, Seconded by: Parks. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Rifanburg to purchase 2-3 phones and switch to T-mobile, seconded by Parks. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

The lights, sirens and decals should be ready in approx 2 weeks

After Arpa funding discussions Burchill will contact an engineer about the water system at Millbrook

A motion was made by Rifanburg to sign the SPCA contract, seconded by Burchill.
BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Parks to sign the Village fire Contract @ \$47,585.17, seconded by Burchill. BURCHILL: Y
PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1
Board agreed they will only sign the Ambulance contract @ 2% \$39,015.00

A motion was made by Rifanburg to accept resignations from Officers Frisenda and Miller, seconded by Burchill.
BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1
A motion was made by Rifanburg to accept the new position duty statement for Constable, seconded by Burchill.
BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

A motion was made by Burchill to accept and pass the Town of New Berlin 2022 Town Budget, seconded by Parks.
BURCHILL: Y PARKS: AY STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

CORESSPONDENCE

NYS DOT is conducting a study for the requested speed reduction on State Highway 8, within the area of Unadilla Valley central School

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Parks to go into executive session for personnel, seconded by Rifanburg. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: A
STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Parks to go back into regular session, seconded by Burchill. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: A
STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

After discussion in Executive the town will move forward in advertising for a Deputy Highway superintendent as well as a MEO for the Highway Department. Further discussions will be had as to wages.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rifanburg to adjourn the meeting @8:07pm. Seconded by: Parks. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: A
STARR: Y STOCKWELL: A RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1

Minutes of the November 08, 2021 meeting were taken and typed by Deborah Barker, Town Clerk