

## **NEW BERLIN BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

A reorganization meeting of the New Berlin Borough Council was held on January 6, 2020, at 7:00 pm at the New Berlin Borough Community Center located at 318 Vine Street, New Berlin, PA. Present were Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner, Councilwoman Betty Kratzer, Councilwoman Barbara Stamm, Councilwoman Lynda Frederick, Councilman Barry Kuhns, Councilwoman Lisa Decker, and Councilwoman Meghan Shambach. Wendy Cole, Solicitor; Bonnie Hamilton, Mayor; and Rebecca Witmer, Secretary/Treasurer were also present. Nancy Showers was present as a visitor.

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Bonnie Hamilton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS – President** – Mayor Bonnie Hamilton opened nominations for President of Council. Councilwoman Lynda Frederick nominated Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner for President of Council. Councilwoman Julianne Finkbiner accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Nomination affirmed.

**Vice- President** – Mayor Bonnie Hamilton opened nominations for Vice-President of Council. Councilwoman Meghan Shambach nominated Councilwoman Lisa Decker for Vice-President of Council. Councilwoman Lisa Decker accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Nomination affirmed.

**President Pro-Tem** - Mayor Bonnie Hamilton opened nominations for President Pro-Tem of Council. President Julianne Finkbiner nominated Councilwoman Meghan Shambach President Pro-Tem of Council. No other nominations were made. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Nomination affirmed.

Mayor Bonnie Hamilton turned the meeting over to President Julianne Finkbiner.

Council collectively discussed and President Julianne Finkbinder appointed the listed committees and representatives as needed. Those committees not needing to be appointments or reaffirmation are listed for the record.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President Julianne Finkbinder  
Vice President Lisa Decker  
Pro-Tem Meghan Shambach

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Julianne Finkbinder  
Betty Kratzer  
Lynda Frederick

POLICE COMMITTEE

Barbara Stamm  
Lisa Decker  
Barry Kuhns  
Mayor Bonnie Hamilton

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Lisa Decker  
Betty Kratzer  
Barbara Stamm

CK COG REPRESENTATIVE

Julianne Finkbinder until 1-3-23  
(CK COG resolution 3 year appointment)

BORO. REP. TO EARNED  
INCOME TAX COMM.

Mayor Bonnie Hamilton  
Alternate: Betty Kratzer

STREET DEPT. SUPERVISOR

Curt Keister

CHIEF OF POLICE

L. Eric Hassenplug

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Rebecca Witmer

BOARD OF VACANCY

John Smith

ZONING OFFICER

David Mull

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Ken Martin  
Jeremy Shambach  
Charles Ritter  
Alt:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sally Farmer, President  
Diane Lengle, Secretary  
Elaine Hopkins  
Mayor Bonnie Hamilton  
Barry Kuhns

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Jared Stumpff  
Responsibility defaults to Borough President  
in absence of EMC

NEW BERLIN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Kurt Zimmerman, Chair 12/31/20  
Michael Palermo 12/31/23  
Brian Smith 12/31/24  
Lloyd Swanger 12/31/21  
William Stackhouse – 12/31/22  
Crystal Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mark Lemon, Solicitor

LIASON TO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Meghan Shambach  
Alt:

MAYOR

Bonnie Hamilton

BOARD OF AUDITORS – ELECTED

Diane Lengle  
Matthew Hamilton

RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Cub Snook, President  
Duane Gessner, Vice President  
Barbara Stamm, Secretary  
Nelson Longacre, Treasurer  
Linda Walter  
James Shakley  
Matt Johnson  
DJ Mapes  
Darren Mensch  
Chelsea Mensch

MIFF/NB LITTLE LEAGUE AUX.

Mike Diehl, President  
Chris Weikle, Vice President  
Linda Johnson, Sec./Treas.

NEW BERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE

Betty Kratzer  
Lisa Decker  
Mayor Bonnie Hamilton  
Several Community Members

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Eric Hassenplug, Chief of Police  
Mayor Bonnie Hamilton  
Meghan Shambach, Council Rep.  
Brandon Resseguie, Fire Department  
Brian Smith, NBMA  
Jarred Stumpff – New Berlin EMC

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Shirl Hummel  
Barbara Stamm  
Kathy Diehl  
Kelly Roush  
Diane Smith  
Logan Roush  
Steve Cusick  
Sherry Cusick  
Kay Trick  
Betty Hollenbach  
John Showers  
Mayor Bonnie Hamilton

COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE

Meghan Shambach  
Barb Stamm  
Lisa Decker  
Mayor Bonnie Hamilton

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Tim Shaffer – Chief 401  
Steve Resseguie – Chief 402  
Brandon Resseguie – Chief 403  
Brad Benfer – Captain 405  
Eric Wetzel – Lieutenant 410  
Jerry Johnson – Lieutenant 411

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/FIRE  
DEPARTMENT

Jared Stumpff – EMS Captain 420  
Corey Wenrick - EMS Lieutenant 421  
Donna Wenrick– EMS Lieutenant 422

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN

Dallas Brinninger

FIRE POLICE LIEUTENANT

Tom Hackenberg

FIRE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Pro-tem Meghan Shambach  
\*\*Fire Company Meetings are the first  
Tuesday of the Month at 7pm

**VISITOR BUSINESS – Nancy Showers** – Resident Nancy Showers was present to state that she and others feel that communication has been less than optimal and she cannot fathom how her and council could be on a different page on so many issues. She noted that not one person said hello to her when she came into the meeting and that’s wrong. She also noted that there’s a lack of respect for the citizens’ group when they speak at the meetings as opposed to when other people speak. Further, Mrs. Showers stated she reached out to two different people on council and one stated she was not allowed to talk to her about it and she’s present to say that the council can talk to her about it. Another matter she wanted to let council know about was that, in the past, council told people they cannot do anything about the speeders on Vine Street but there’s a family who knew someone who knew someone who knew a state policeman who was sitting there all week last week catching speeders. So, things can be done if you just try. Mrs. Showers also stated the burn barrel and clean air issues will continue in the borough. They have a few people looking into borough law regarding this issue. Mrs. Showers asked for collaboration and discussion regarding the issue when they present what they find.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS – Activities Committee** – Mayor Bonnie Hamilton reported that the Second Annual Christmas Event at the community center went well. There are plans for a Third Annual Christmas Event next year.

Councilwoman Barbara Stamm reported that the Christmas tree lighting went well. The tree lighting was sponsored by the church this year and will continue to be sponsored by them in the future.

**POLICE REPORT- December Police Report** - Council reviewed the December police report. There were no questions regarding the report.

**Police Hours** – Council asked Mayor Hamilton to speak with the police about getting more hours and about having one of the police attend council meetings.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Mayor Hamilton made a proclamation designating April 2020 as safe digging month as a part of a PA One Call awareness program.

**SOLICITORS REPORT – Subrecipient Agreement – Block Grant** – Solicitor Cole stated an agreement was received to accept the block grant funds. The agreement is a standard agreement addressing the guidelines of the grant and accepting the funds.

**Motion** – Vice-President Lisa Decker made a motion to sign the subrecipient agreement between New Berlin Borough and the Union County Commissioners. Councilwoman Betty Kratzer made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion . Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried.

**NEW BERLIN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - Minutes** – Councilwoman Meghan Shambach stated the NBMA minutes mentioned those customers with delinquent accounts by name rather than account number or other method and inquired if that was allowed to be done. Solicitor Cole stated she does not think it’s illegal but it is likely unethical.

Council directed the solicitor to write a letter to the municipal authority suggesting they reconsider putting the names of those with delinquent accounts in the minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Councilwoman Barbara Stamm thanked council and staff for the flowers received after her surgery.

**ADJOURNMENT – Motion** – Councilwoman Barbara Stamm made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Betty Kratzer made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca A. Witmer,  
Secretary/Treasurer

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MAYOR