

MINUTES
TOWN OF BERLIN BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2025

Call to Order, Roll Call, & Pledge:

Chairman James Sala called the monthly board meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. on March 11, 2025, in the Town of Berlin Center. Present: James Sala, Daniel, Klosinski, Michael Schuster, Amy Gilles, Connie Nowak, and Zoning Administrator Bryan Gilles. Absent: None. Visitors: 57 visitors

Chairman Sala led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes:

Minutes of February 11, 2025, regular monthly meeting reviewed and approved. Motion made by Supervisor Schuster, seconded by Supervisor Klosinski; motion called and carried.

Marathon County Sheriff's Department representatives Chad Billeb and Tim Burkholder were present to discuss dog and nuisance ordinances.

Marathon County monitors dog and nuisance ordinances and issues citations for the Town of Berlin. Fines begin with a warning, progressing to \$250.90 for repeat violations.

Community Concerns:

Loose Dogs: Multiple complaints about dogs running at large, causing property damage, chasing livestock, and posing safety concerns.

Aggressive Behavior: Residents shared concerns about aggressive dogs and danger to pedestrians. Sheriff Billeb advised contacting the department immediately.

Nuisances: Continuous barking and other disturbances were reported. The Sheriff's Department suggested filing nuisance complaints.

Sheriff's Recommendations:

Document incidents with photos, videos, and detailed descriptions.

Keep dogs leashed, fenced, or under proper control to prevent legal and community issues.

Call non-emergency line 715-261-1200 for assistance or 911 in cases of immediate danger.

Stray animals are the responsibility of the Town to transport to the Humane Society.

Resident Feedback:

Issues ranged from dogs attacking livestock to running through neighborhoods and farms.

Some residents expressed frustrations over repeat incidents with specific dog owners.

Others appreciated the Sheriff's Department's involvement and support.

Next Steps/Actions:

Residents encouraged to document and report incidents promptly.

Discussions on potential fine increases were directed towards the County Board via Supervisors.

Suggestions to improve animal control measures, like dog scanners in patrol cars, were discussed.

Key Takeaway: Documentation and community collaboration were emphasized as critical steps to resolving ongoing dog-related issues in the Town of Berlin.

Marathon County Sheriff's department and public input portion of meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

The meeting was resumed at 8:35 P.M

Old Business:

1. Computer Upgrades – Chairman Sala presented on research that Amy Gilles did –
Asus Vivo book 16 - = \$586

Lenovo ThinkPad E16 - \$799

HP 17.3 Touchscreen - \$629

Chris Lambrecht would like to put in bid for computers – Bryan Gilles will reach out to Chris and get new bid.

Motion by Chairman Sala to table decision on computers until April to allow time to research for another vendor. Supervisor Klosinski seconded. Motion called and carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Maintenance at Berlin Center:
 - a. Electrical issue on March 1, 2025 – Bryan Gilles was able to take care of the issue and the chili dinner for 4-H was able to continue, Bryan will pick up 70-amp fuses to have on hand if something happens.
 - b. North door openers were fixed. Future to look at putting new doors on the North Side of building.
 - c. 5000 gallons of contracted LP has been used as of the end of February 2025.
 - d. The thermostat covers in gym will be replaced.
2. Maintenance at Garage
 - a. The pressure washer is not working and will be fixed.

Supervisor's Report:

1. Weight limit signs posted 3/10/25.
2. Washouts by culverts that have been taken care of by the Town crew.
3. Salt order information was received, and Supervisor Klosinski will review and order from Marathon County Hwy Dept – Supervisor Schuster recommending order one load of salt.

New Business:

1. None.

Other:

1. The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled April 8, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Berlin Center.
2. Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.
3. Black Gold/Metro Green – Informational meeting and luncheon – March 19, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m. Supervisor Schuster and Chairman Sala will be attending.
4. The Town Board will be attending the 2025 Spring District Meeting March 21, 2025, in Stevens Point.

Bills reviewed and reconciled for payment.

Zoning Administrator Report:

1. Zoning permit issued Brian Luedtke homes for Brianna Robb & Andrew Erickson on County Rd FF

Treasurer's Report:

1. Treasurer Gilles presented the treasurer's report showing a checkbook balance as of February 28, 2025, at \$290,945.76 which includes \$23,215.28 for black top grinding and replacement on Berlin and \$3,000 towards wedging and chip sealing. ARPA funds allocated \$40,000 Adams Lane Road rebuild and \$15,000 towards the Gym roof replacement. There is a balance in the Debit Card account at \$2,808.52. There is a balance of \$41,445.89 in the Equipment Fund.

Motion by Supervisor Klosinski to accept treasurers report as presented. Motion seconded by Supervisor Schuster. Motion called and carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Klosinski; seconded by Supervisor Schuster; motion called and carried.

Connie L. Nowak
Connie L. Nowak, Clerk