**TOWN OF NEW BERLIN**

**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**July 21, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor, Robert Starr called the Special meeting of the Town Board at Town Hall to order at 4:00p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Supervisor: Robert Starr

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

Town Clerk: Deborah Barker

Absent:

Salute to the Flag was led by Robert Starr

* Police: Josh Burchill
* SNB Water District: Roy Stockwell

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Burchill who works in the Insurance field and would abstaining from the upcoming vote submitted a letter (copied below) and offered some insight on Insurance coverage
* Rifanburg made many phone calls and asked several questions to better understand the policies, coverage and customer service of each Company.
* After comparisons and discussions on the Insurance quotes received at the Regular Town Board meeting on July 12, 2021. The board voted
* A motion was made by Starr to accept the quote from Gates Cole (Glatfelter policy) seconded by Parks. BURCHILL: Abstain PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: Y RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 4-1
* A motion was made by Rifanburg to hold a public hearing on 8/9/21 @5:45 for LL#4 to opt in/out of Cannabis dispensaries and on-site consumption sites, seconded by Burchill. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: Y RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 5-0
* Letter submitted by Burchill:

Fellow Councilmembers and Supervisor Starr, I felt that given my current profession and working knowledge as a licensed insurance agent I would outline my feelings and beliefs on the proposal presented to us by both NBT Insurance and Gates-Cole. First, I would like to say that we in acting as the Town of New Berlin are hiring a professional service in the way of an insurance agent and agency. In my professional opinion handing a board a folder with 3 proposals and not discussing any protections or limits is not providing a professional service. Why were 4 of you who are not versed in insurance left to review and understand the proposals presented, yet we need a license to sell and recommend insurance options? This leads me to my most important point, when asked which option was best suited for our town, Joann stated Glatfelter without hesitation. That then would be her professional recommendation and we should not be considering the other two options. We’re here to protect and serve this town with the best of our ability and to do that we should be deciding between NYMIR and Glatfelter. Insurance programs should not be purchased on price and price alone. The Travelers program is cheap for a reason, it excludes and sub-limits (restricts) many important coverages. I would also like to point out that our Utica Crime Bond only list the deputies of the positions and not the actual heads of the positions for example, Clerk/Deputy Clerk and Supervisor/Deputy Supervisor. Lastly, I would like to go over the services and additional resources that we have received from our current agency and carrier. In my 4 years the only time I’ve heard of our current carrier offering additional training opportunities is at the time the discussion comes with NBT Insurance. We’ve never been shown or provided the offerings, nor have we received any invites to training seminars. They’ve not provided any risk management advice or consultation. We truly only receive a person who delivers a binder with the policy documents and someone who can process a change to the vehicle schedule. When we consider the insurance product offering, additional services, and agency specialization in municipal insurance, my recommendation is that we move forward with the NYMIR program through NBT Insurance for the 2021 renewal. I look forward to discussing the topic Wednesday and providing further insight and specifics into my recommendation. Sincerely, Josh Burchill

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Parks to adjourn the meeting @4:55. Seconded by: Rifanburg. BURCHILL: Y PARKS: Y STARR: Y STOCKWELL: Y RIFANBURG: Y CARRIED: 5-0

Minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting were taken and typed by Deborah Barker, Town Clerk