

# VILLAGE OF NEW AUBURN

## Village Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, February 10, 2025

The Village of New Auburn Village Planning Commission met at the New Auburn Village Hall, 130 E. Elm St., New Auburn, WI 54757.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** At 5:00 p.m. Chair and Village President (Chair) Shannon Berg called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call.** Planning Commissioners in attendance were Dan Moos, Steven McCracken, Dean Sayles, Andrea Lemmons, and Dwain Trowbridge. There was a quorum in attendance.  
Staff in attendance was Village Administrator-Clerk-Deputy Treasurer (ACDT) Bradley Hanson. Public in attendance was Jay Sayles.
- III. **PUBLIC HEARING – Container Usage within Commercial, Public and Residential Zoned Areas.**
  1. Open Public Hearing. At 5:01 p.m. Chair Berg opened the Public Hearing .
  2. Public Comments. Jay Sayles advised that containers have a good use and unlike other constructed structures are sealed, can take a beating, and have a benefit of less rodent intrusions.
  3. Residential housing construction by use of storage containers. ACDT Hanson advised housing was considered by the Board last summer when researching low cost housing opportunities and provided images of houses by the use of containers.
  4. Agricultural, Commercial and Public Institution Zoned areas use of storage containers with restrictions. Discussed were current status of containers being used in non-conformance standards, approved previously, and potential use in the subject zoned areas.
  5. Planning Commission Discussion. ACDT Hanson advised that the changes were recommendations for their consideration and the Commission can approve some, all, or none and come up with their final recommendations to Board of Trustees.
  6. Close Public Hearing. At 5:21 p.m. Chair Berg closed the Public Hearing.
  7. Resolution 2025 – 03 A Village of New Auburn Planning Commission Resolution to Support Ordinance 2025 – 04 Repealing and Recreating Section 22-76 in Relations to the Use of Shipping Containers in Chapter 22 of the Zoning Ordinance. Commissioners believed that containers for housing construction material should be delayed to see how the use of storage containers in Commercial, Public Institutions, and Agriculture areas goes and maybe consider it at a later date.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.
- V. **APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 2024 MINUTES.** Hanson will have the minutes for review at the next meeting.
- VI. **REGULAR BUSINESS**
  1. Set annual meeting dates and times. Commission concensus was to schedule an annual meeting beginning in 2026 for the first week of May with no other scheduled meetings, but called as needed.
  2. Approval of subdivision of Barron County Parcel # 151-8021-06-010 (between E North St and County Highway M Adding Lots 6 (523 N East St) and 7 (513 N East St) as Single Family Residentially zoned properties, and the Certified Survey Map. Motion by Lemmons and seconded by McCracken to

recommend approval to the Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously with Trowbridge abstaining.

3. Lot division at 401, 403, 409 and 411 May St (Chippewa County Parcel # 23110-0121-60480113).  
Hanson provided this informational item only, as no formal approval is needed since th elots were already plotted, but to keep the Commissioners informed in case they are asked within the community.
4. Bridgestop request for Commercial use of shipping container(s) for storage use. Motion by Moos and seconded by Lemmons to recommend to the Board of Trustees to tentatively approve Trowbridge's permit once submitted after and if the ordinance is adopted by them and publication requirements. Motion carried unanimously with Trowbridge abstaining.
5. Future Meetings: To Be Determined, 2025. No known meetings are needed at this time.

**VII. Adjourn.** Having no further business, at 6:06 p.m. Chair Berg adjourned the meeting.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Bradley J Hanson, Village Administrator-Clerk-Deputy Treasurer