

# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## BRIEFING MINUTES

February 5, 2019 7:00pm



Mayor Aaron Nellist  
Deputy Mayor Gregory Kerth  
Trustee R. James Baker  
Trustee Seanna Bradley-Corwin  
Trustee Benjamin Seward

**Meeting Location:** 1697 East Avenue, Barker (Police Station)

**Meeting notified** to the official paper by media notice

**Reason:** Keep communication open and progression of the services provided positive momentum

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Aaron Davis, Lisa Thompson

Mayor Nellist opened **the meeting by administering the pledge of allegiance at 7:00pm.**

Mayor Nellist began the meeting by discussing several things that transpired over the weekend. Police interviews were held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 for a part time police officer with Chief Braughler, Mayor Nellist, Deputy Mayor Kerth and Trustee Baker. It will be put on Monday's agenda to appoint the officer chosen. Yesterday, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington put up the signage that NC Sign shop made for us to help people locate the new Village Hall and Police Department. One was placed at the fire scene, the next at the end of Main Street with an arrow pointing right, at the end of the drive way to the Village Hall & Police Department and also on the building. They show up nice at night and look great.

Monday, February 4, 2019 at 11:00am a meeting took place at the fire scene with both insurance cause and origin investigators, Mayor Nellist, Mark Remington, Amanda Detschner, Lisa Thompson and Seanna Corwin-Bradley. We were able to answer all questions they asked and they also took pictures and looked at the debris.

Trustee Baker stated that he had begun repairs in the bathroom, but a new sink is needed because the faucet that is broken has to be cut off and it will damage the sink badly. The consensus was that it's ok to purchase a new sink and replace the very old one.

Election petitions are due today through February 13, 2019 by 5:00pm.

On Friday, February 1, 2019 a fundraiser was held at Becker Brewing to raise money for the Barker Library. It was very well attended and all those who attended had a great time. Many of our residents were there, Assemblyman Norris, Mayor Nellist, Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner, Lisa Thompson, Seanna Corwin-Bradley, Library Trustees and various Town of Somerset officials.

Also on Friday, village resident Mike Dietz asked if he could get some of the wood from the Village Hall scene to make a table for the new Village Hall. Once the scene has been released I will let him know that he may take the wood he needs.

Saturday, February 2, 2019 the Barker Fire Department held their annual installation dinner. Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner attended because Mayor Nellist had a funeral to attend. It was Bruce Devereaux's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the BFD and he was presented with accommodations and proclamations from many political figures.

Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner gave an update on what was accomplished:

Friday, February 1, 2019

- ✓ Reconciled water payments and made a bank deposit
- ✓ Typed minutes from 1/31/2019 meeting, emailed to Board & updated on the website
- ✓ January 2019 water sample report was completed
- ✓ Emailed NYSLRS in order to obtain needed information
- ✓ Started my letter to the editor

Saturday, February 2, 2019

- ✓ Printed the proclamation for Bruce Devereaux
- ✓ Started my letter to the editor
- ✓ Worked on documenting the fire process in my journal

Monday, February 4, 2019

- ✓ Got a hold of Tracy Sutherland from National Grid street lighting department to report the 10 streetlights that are not working
- ✓ Completed the January 2019 Police Report
- ✓ Meet with insurance agencies cause and origin at the fire scene from 11:00-1:30pm
- ✓ Called Modern to make sure the truck picks up the garbage at the new Village Hall/Police Station because they usually forget

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

- ✓ Attended the meeting at the NC Training Facility
- ✓ Fielded phone calls from Dave Kubiak-our insurance cause and origin people
- ✓ Tracked down Dan Heidemans' contact information for Dave Kubiak
- ✓ Answered emails from association member who reached out to me because they heard about the fire
- ✓ Forwarded application to NC civil service for approval

- ✓ Joe Flegal was here working on IT stuff. Finally I will have a printer and scanner to help me move forward.
- ✓ Ordered a new minute book and minute paper so I can begin to print the minutes

Mayor Nellist reminded Mark Remington the Code Enforcement Officer that his state report is due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. He also stated that Terracon offered geotechnical services for our new Village Hall, if needed.

Deputy Mayor Kerth stated that the Clerk-Treasurer will probably be asked to speak at NYCOM or perhaps some other organization because of how much she has learned during this process. She stated she would be happy to do that, if we can help one municipality forgo lessons we have learned the hard way, it's completely worth it.

Trustee Corwin-Bradley stated she received an email from the James's at 8715 Main Street. It stated that his several visits to the Village Hall, his attendance at the Village Board meeting he still feels like he hasn't been acknowledged. We have made our insurance company fully aware of the situation the first day he reported it. Mayor Nellist will call and/or stop by to speak with them about their concern.

No public comment was offered.

The Clerk-Treasurer stated her goals to accomplish before the meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

- ✓ Print bank statements for January 2019
- ✓ Reconcile the books for January 2019
- ✓ Print and mail the January 2019 monthly water sample report
- ✓ Enter vouchers
- ✓ Gather financial reports for the Board meeting
- ✓ Begin the agenda for Monday's Board meeting
- ✓ Print building permit applications
- ✓ Type and post the minutes to the website
- ✓ Document the process in the journal

At **7:36pm a motion to enter into Executive Session** on the grounds of information regarding current investigations, as well as discussions of proposed or current litigation was made by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Seward NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Present in Executive Session** were Mayor Nellist, Deputy Mayor Kerth, Trustee Baker, Trustee Corwin-Bradley, Trustee Seward, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington and Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner.

A motion to **exit Executive Session was made at 8:26pm** by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kerth. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Seward NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:00pm at the current Village Hall/Police Station. The Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Department.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 8:29pm** by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Seward NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner, CMC, RMC, CMFO  
Clerk-Treasurer