

The Union Sun & Journal was notified by Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner that an emergency meeting would be held at 6:00pm at 1707 Pallister Avenue, Barker, NY 14012.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2019 6:00pm



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

Meeting Location: 1707 Pallister Avenue, Barker, NY 14012

Meeting Called at 11:15am by the Board of Trustees.

Meeting notified to the official paper of the Village at 2:00pm by phone.

Reason: To ensure continuation of services

In **Attendance:** Mayor Nellist, Deputy Mayor Kerth, Trustee Corwin-Bradley, Trustee Seward, Trustee Baker, Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Jonathan Schultz and NC Legislator John Syracuse arrived at 6:11pm.

Mayor Nellist began the meeting with asking the Board of Trustees if everyone had a chance to look into the references the NFA gave, which many did and all had positive things to say. A brief discussion was had about the NFA. A **motion to enter into contract with the National Fire Adjustment Company, Inc.** was motioned by Trustee Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

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

Jonathan Schultz offered his advice on places to go in order to help us secure and store our critical records by reaching out to the NYS Archives and the County Clerk. He also advised that the Village needs to call and cancel all the utilities for the building due to the building no longer being functional. He also stated that it would be a week or so before the official fire report would be done by Niagara County. He stated that the chain of custody of the panel box shouldn't be a concern; it went from the fire to a locked office. The panel box would not be released until the insurance company says so.

Declaring a State of Emergency was discussed and was decided not to declare at this time.

NC Legislator John Syracuse and NC Fire Coordinator & Emergency Management Director spoke about resources that the County is willing to pitch in. NC IT department will help get computers up and running, as soon as possible. NC Legislator John Syracuse stated that NIOGA is willing to help in any way they can, as well.

A motion to increase the credit limit of the Village department heads to \$15,000 for a 90 day period was made by Trustee Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

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

A motion to allow the Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner to withdraw \$100.00 from the checking account to set up a cash drawer was made by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

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

A motion to install an analog fax line at the Police Station was made by Trustee Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kerth.

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

Mayor Nellist stated that he is concerned about the timely release of press releases to keep the public informed. There will be times that he won't be able to respond to requests and that he would expect the Clerk-Treasurer to handle them when asked. All communications with the media go through Mayor Nellist. In future press releases Mayor Nellist would like to thank: NC Legislature John Syracuse, Senator Ortz & Assemblyman Norris.

Many people have offered to lend a hand:

Rich Rutland offered the old funeral home if needed to the Library or Village Hall if needed.

Pat Darrow offered architectural drawings at a reduced rate

Faith United Methodist Church offered a room from Sheila Paige and Jim Hoffman

Adam Seth Moss offered assistance

Rick Updegrave the county manager offered to PIO services

It was decided to reach out to the Lion's Club to see if we could have meetings there for the time being.

It was also decided to set up a dedicated email: BarkerVillageFire2019@gmail.com

Mayor Nellist concluded by thanking the Board for working together so cooperatively during this difficult time.

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