VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2019 7:00PM @ Barker Fire Hall

Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley-Absent
Trustee R. James Baker
Trustee Aaron Davis
Trustee Benjamin Seward

In Attendance: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Mason, Police Chief Timothy Braughler (arrived 7:35pm) & Joe Niezgoda of WNY Insurance Agency. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley was absent from the meeting.

At **7:00pm meeting was called to order** by Mayor Nellist by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Sales tax received for June 2019 was \$11,604.71.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held June 10, 2019 was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Trident Insurance renewal presentation given by Joe Niezgoda of WNY Insurance agency began at 7:03pm and continued until 7:50pm. Joe Neizgoda broke down the August 2019-July 2020 insurance policy renewal and discussed variations to several of the coverage's. A long discussion took place with pro's and con's of adding to some of the coverage's.

A motion to approve the insurance renewal up to the amount of \$12,750 was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Resolution # 20-2019

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

TITLE	NAME	Standard Work Day (hrs/day)	Term begins & Ends	Participating in Employer's Time keeping system (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials					
MAYOR	Aaron S. Nellist	6.00	4/19-3/31/2021	N	11.92
TRUSTEE	Ronald James Baker	6.00	4/19-3/31/2021	N	1.08
TRUSTEE	Aaron Davis	6.00	4/19-3/31/2021	N	3.46
TRUSTEE	Benjamin Seward	6.00	4/19-3/31/2020	N	2.84
Appointed Officials					
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	Mark D. Remington	6.00	4/19-3/31/2021	N	2.17

A **motion to adopt Resolution #20-2019** was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Seward. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- Tax Collection continues with penalty added as of July 2, 2019 at 5%, August 6%, September 7% and October 8%. Any taxes remaining unpaid as of November 1st will be re-levied onto the Town/County taxes in January
- ✓ Water bills for 2nd quarter 2019 (April-June) will be mailed out on July 10 and are due August 12, 2019 without penalty
- ✓ A Board Audit of the financial records of the Clerk-Treasurer will take place on Monday, August 5th immediately following the work session
- ✓ The New York State Association of City and Village Clerks (NYSACVC) reached out to Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner to see if she would be interested on serving on the executive board of the association. This would require attendance at Fall Training School (annual meeting) annually and 4 other meetings through the year, November in Albany, February in Albany, April in Albany and August location varies. Expenses are paid through the association as far as hotel or lodging, mileage and meals.

A discussion took place of what this entails and all the Board members had positive feedback. Mayor Nellist stated that he thought it was a great idea, stating that Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner is very capable at her position and it could lead to opportunities in the future.

✓ Permission was granted to attend NYCOM Fall Training School September 16-20, 2019 for both Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation from July 12-July 19, 2019

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- ✓ Water loss 12.28% down from 20.38% last quarter
 ✓ DPW Laborer intensions
- DPW Laborer interviews were held on Friday, July 5, 2019 by Mayor Nellist and DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, after careful consideration the decision to hire two people was made.

Appointment of Jacob Laskey as part time Laborer for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$12.00 & the appointment of April Roessler as part time Laborer for the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$12.00 was motioned for approval by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Baker, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Superintendent Mark Remington stated that there is a lot of debris in the Golden Hill Creek by the Fire Department and it should be cleared out as much as possible. The creek bed cannot be disturbed but the debris can be removed. Options will be looked at to see the best way to accomplish this.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

3 permits issued: a porch, a fence and a shed

7 property violations were mailed on Monday, July 1, 2019

1695 East Avenue property owner will be invited to a Board meeting so that he can communicate his plans for the old dormitory parcel he has purchased

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

A motion to accept the letter of resignation from Officer Elizabeth Taibi was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Chief Braughler asked for permission to look into hiring someone to replace Officer Taibi. The Board decided to go ahead with the employment notice on the NC Civil Service website until July 31, 2019. A motion to begin the hiring process was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Baker, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

A log of complaints against the Town of Somerset Police Department has begun as of July 1, 2019. Too often the Village is fielding complaints regarding the Town Police Department; while residents think it's the Village Police Department. Once a month the list will be mailed to each Town Councilmember in order to shed light on the negative impact this is having on our community.

Correspondence:

AIM Funding Letter from NYS Office of the Comptroller-How AIM related payments will be made

Thank you for Mayor Nellist from Herbert W. Carr Post 425 of the American Legion

Fusion Connect, Inc. Bankruptcy court paperwork

Barker Public Library –acceptance of Village offer to rebuild together NFA "undisputed" settlement check of \$169,651.72 correspondence

Office of the New York State Comptroller-Town of Somerset Court fines to the Village-May 2019 $\,$

NYS DOT ERW (Extreme Winter Recovery) balance \$3,113.02

Charter Communications-upcoming programming changes-June 25, 2019 Charter Communications-upcoming programming changes-July 3, 2019 Charter Communications-upcoming programming changes-July 3, 2019

NC Gallonage Report

Mayor Nellist passed around the invoice for the Pallister Avenue sidewalk work that was discussed at the June meeting.

After deliberation a motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$975.00 and authorize the early payment was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Baker, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 002 Voucher #'s 12-44

Water Fund-\$3,894.49 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 General Fund-\$16,823.95 TOTAL \$22,118.44

H3-Fund-Village Hall Fire Fund

Voucher #: 21-22 TOTAL \$13,735.64 GRAND TOTAL \$35,854.08

A motion to approve the above claims and bill payment was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers: FY 2018-2019

A1010.4 Board Contractual \$1,000.00 to A1410.4 Dep. C/T Contractual

New FY 2019-2020

A1990.4 Contingency \$920.00 to A1620.44 Village Hall Contractual

A motion to approve the above claims and bill payment was made by Trustee Bake r and was seconded by Trustee Seward

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Baker, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

<u>Trustee Baker:</u> Stated the railing on the Police Station/Village Hall is a liability and should be repaired. A different entrance was discussed by building a step on the north side so you go in straight instead of to the east. Mark will call a couple contractors to see what it would cost and will report back.

<u>Trustee Davis</u>: distributed a current model drawing of what ideally we would like to see in the new Village Hall & Library building after the meeting held with the Library building committee on July 2, 2019. The board was in agreement to send this to the engineer for a mock up drawing and a cost estimate.

A **motion for Adjournment was made at 9:08pm** by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Seward. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Next work session will be Monday, August 5, 2019 @ 6:00pm at the Police Station

**Immediately following is the board audit of the financial books of the Clerk-Treasurer

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted,

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