

The change in date of the Monthly Board meeting was posted on the Village website, at the Post Office and in the Village Hall. Notice was also given to the Union Sun & Journal.

## VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2019 7:00PM

@ Barker Fire Hall



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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington & Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Mason

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

The **Sales tax** received for October 2019 was \$15,223.07.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting October 7, 2019 was motioned for approval by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Baker.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Barker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

### **Resolution #22-2019      Designation of Offices to be filled in the next General Election**

WHEREAS, the next general election will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must designate by resolution and to the public the offices which are to be filled in such election and the term thereof,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1: That the Board of Trustees designated the following offices as vacant on March 31, 2020, to filled at the Village Election to be held March 18, 2020 for the following terms:

Trustee- Two year term

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Section 2: The Village is hereby directed to publish this resolution in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal as official public notice.

A **motion to adopt Resolution #22-2019** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous resolution was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Barker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried

### **Unpaid Village Taxes to the Niagara County Treasurer**

12 parcels remain unpaid in the amount of \$8,223.11 plus \$246.68 in penalty for a total amount of \$8,469.79

A **motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to send unpaid village taxes to Niagara County Treasurer** was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

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

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

- Water bills were due 11/12/19 without penalty
- Village Hall will be Closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Attending the NYSACVC meeting on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in Albany and the NYCOM Legislative priorities meeting on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Permission for the C/T to replace her computer lost in the fire with a laptop computer

A **motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to replace the computer lost in the fire with a laptop computer** with necessary accessories for \$1,263.80 was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

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

- An update on the parcel at 8685 Main Street was given in regards to possibly asking the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation (NORLIC) Land Bank to help remedy the parcel, the problem lies with the owner being deceased and the estate being settled. Once the land bank is given permission to enter the property they can determine if its structurally sound or not and then a decision can be made on the outcome of the building
- On Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> a conference call was had with Paul Chatfield & Scott Bova of MRB Group, Mayor Nellist and Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner regarding the future Village Hall/Library building updated drawings and cost document from September 2019. Many questions were asked of MRB Group about costs, building size etc. MRB Group representatives believe that the costs were in line with actual costs and were relevant to the project. It was suggested to work backwards from how much money the Village is going to receive and make a building/costs to reflect that budgetary figure. Essentially the Village is at a catch 22 right now, with no answers from the insurance company and no cause of the fire, it's extremely difficult to move forward. There is always the option to go for Request for Proposals (RFP) to see what other companies have to offer, but again it's hard to do this without knowing what we have to work with. Paul Chatfield requested the Village authorize MRB to send a list of detailed specs of the type of soil samples to be collected by geotechnical investigative companies in order to determine if a basement is possible for the new building, Mayor Nellist will follow up.

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.  
Mayor Nellist inquired about the work that was performed on the Police car to fix the heat blower in the dash; Mr. Remington showed pictures of the work and the car taken apart, as well as the B2301 Kubota tractor that had to have the driveline repaired before they would accept it on trade in towards the new B2601 Kubota tractor. Mayor Nellist thanked Mark for going above and beyond to help residents in the inclement weather and stated he would speak to the Police Department to issue tickets when people are parked in the road during November 1-April 1<sup>st</sup>. With the heavy snow we experienced the last couple of days, it hinders snow removal greatly. Mayor Nellist also stated that he is very happy with the Dollar General sidewalk and it looks great. It was asked that the Clerk-Treasurer draft thank you letters to the local municipalities that assisted with hauling material when Pallister Avenue was paved.

**Code Enforcement Report-** No report submitted  
2 permits- 1- roof over garage, 1-roof house and barn

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.  
A discussion on the proposed SRO contract with BCS was had with the Board of Trustees. Mayor Nellist stated that he has a hard time moving forward with this because he doesn’t see what the Village would gain if we were to share this position with the Town of Somerset. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley, Trustee Seward and Trustee Davis stated they would like to read the contract and would like to follow up at the next meeting. Police Chief Braughler stated that finding the right Officer to fit this position would be difficult, but could be done. A further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

A discussion about hiring another part time officer was had amongst the Board of Trustees. We have two active duty military unable to work for the next 12 months or so. Chief Braughler would like to find someone part time to fill a couple shifts a month. A **motion to begin posting the position** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Barker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

<b>Correspondence:</b>	Argo Insurance Group-Village Hall Fire claim update on claims paid
	Fusion Connect, Inc. bankruptcy filing supplement
	Fusion Connect, Inc. approval of disclosure statement
	Fusion Connect, Inc. notice of extended dates & deadlines
	Modern Disposal CPI increase and mailing list request
	Pizza, Wings & Things alcohol license renewal letter
	NYS DOT CHIPS funding- CHIPS \$17,305.56, PAVE NY \$3,950.17, EWR \$3,113.02 Total\$24,368.75
	Charter Communications-Upcoming changes- October 11, 2019
	NC Gallonage Report
	North Shore Solutions brochure
	Public Pipeline awareness brochure

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 006 Voucher #'s 165-206 H-3 Voucher # 27  
General Fund-\$60,737.43 Water Fund-\$3,789.37 T&A Fund-\$12,300.00 H-3 Fund\$4,350.74  
TOTAL \$81,177.54  
A motion to authorize the audited claims and bill payment by the Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Davis. AUDITED BY: Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis & Seward  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Barker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

**Budget Transfer:**  
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$5,369.00 to A5112.4 Permanent Improvements-CHIPS  
The **above budget transfer was motioned for approval** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Barker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

**Board Comment** was offered by:  
Mayor Nellist: Stated he received a phone call about feral cats at a residence on Quaker Road and that the owner has too many dogs as per the Village ordinance. Mr. Remington was asked to follow up on this issue as dog control officer. Mayor Nellist also inquired about if the Village would have to find a new attorney, seeing that our current attorney is running for District Attorney of Niagara County. An email will be sent to inquire.  
Trustee Davis: Inquired about ordering official Village polo’s or other clothing items from creative custom wear, quotes were given and discussed.  
Trustee Seward: Inquired about if we were going to have a Christmas celebration. It was decided on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at In the Mix. Everyone purchases their own food and beverage.  
Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Gave a Light up Barker update and stated she needs to find carriage rides, since Dale Jenks doesn’t remember confirming in July. She has a couple people she can call and hopefully it will work out. She asked about maybe recognizing the athletic teams from BCS for their outstanding performance in 2019, Town of Newfane does this and it would be a nice idea since we have many stand out athletic teams and individuals.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 8:14pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Barker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

**Next work session will be Monday, December 2, 2019 @ 6:00pm at the Village Hall/Police Station**  
**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2019 @ 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall**

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