

This change in meeting date was posted around the Village, published in the Union Sun & Journal, as well as on the Village website.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



October 7, 2019 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance**: David Jaacks representing the US Census 2020, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Phyllis Hildebrant and the following participation in Government Students: Rachel Hurtgam, Ciara Gregiore & Brianna Bachman. Trustee Baker was absent from the meeting.

At **7:02pm meeting was called** to order by Mayor Nellist by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **Sales tax** received for August 2019 was \$11,987.21.

The **Approval of Minutes for the monthly board meeting held September 9, 2019 was motioned** for approval by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None
ABSENT-1-Baker Motion Carried.

US Census 2020 representative David Jaacks gave a brief presentation regarding the process and engaging community response for the upcoming decennial census. Beginning in 1790, the decennial census is mandated in the US Constitution. This mandate provides that everyone in the country will be counted every 10 years. The data provided by the US Census ensures fair representation in the House of Representatives, determines how the \$675 billion dollars in federal funding is distributed to states & counties and based on census data redistricting boundaries are drawn based on population for congressional & state legislative districts. Pamphlets and other materials were left to place in the Village Hall for distribution. The US census is rolling out their partnership program to help get as much participation as possible and to educate local representatives on how to boost participation in their communities. The presentation ended at 7:18pm.

Health Insurance Renewal-December 1, 2019
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of WNY- Platinum Align Tiered-Optimum Choice

	<u>2018 Costs:</u>	<u>2019 Costs:</u>
Employee	\$581.32	\$566.77
Employee + Children	\$988.25	\$963.51
Employee + Spouse	\$1,162.65	\$1,133.52
Family	\$1,656.78	\$1,615.28
TOTAL Monthly	\$2,819.43	\$2,748.80 decrease of \$70.63 monthly

A discussion about getting adequate health insurance coverage for a reasonable price and to continue with Blue Cross & Blue Shield was held. All board members were happy that there was no price increase for the upcoming year.

A **motion to approve the re-enrollment of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of WNY/ Platinum Align Optimum Choice** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None
ABSENT-1-Baker Motion Carried.

The **Clerk-Treasurer’s Financial Reports** were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
Trustee Davis inquired about account #A1325.4 which does not require a transfer since it’s a once a year software support payment.

Change the date of the November Board meeting because 2nd Monday falls on Veteran’s Day (11/11) - The meeting will now be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00pm

A **motion to approve the November 2019 Board meeting change in date** was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None
ABSENT-1-Baker Motion Carried.

- ✓ Fall 2019 newsletter has been completed and will be mailed by the 9th
- ✓ Water bills 3rd Quarter 2019 will be mailed on October 10th and will be due by November 12th without penalty
- ✓ Any remaining unpaid property taxes as of October 31, 2019 will be re-levied onto the Town/County Tax Roll for collection in January 2020
- ✓ Village Hall will be CLOSED Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day, Tuesday, November 5th for Election Day, & Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day
- ✓ Sexual Harassment training must be completed by Wed., October 9th, 2019 become compliant with the Law
An email was sent from Trident Local Gov University with an invitation to complete the course. If Board members have completed training with their full time employment then they may turn in documentation to the Clerk-Treasurer
- ✓ The water meter reader that imports the reads into the water software wouldn’t work when we went to use it, they overnighed us another handheld reader so we could get reads done

- ✓ It's confirmed that I will be presenting at the NYALGRO conference on Monday, June 8th in Corning, NY

At the September 9th meeting the engineering firm MRB gave the Village their second drawing of what the future Village Hall/Library building could be. The floor plan was down sized as to the Village's request, as well as the floor plan layout was more of what we had developed. When the Village received the cost document associated with the second drawing, it was substantially more than what was expected. Price changes in the cost per foot of the basement and asphalt were higher, also. At this point the Village feels that MRB Group has not listened to what our needs and expectations are regarding the rebuild. All Board members present were in agreement with the facts previously stated. They would like to move forward with core sampling to see if a basement will be feasible for the future construction of a basement. Mayor Nellist will reach out with a phone call to express our concerns.

Clerk-Treasurer Detschner gave a brief update on the fire insurance claim. We received a letter dated September 9th from Trident that stated they are still working on both the building claim and are waiting on documentation for the several items on the contents claim. I have not heard anything from Dan Graff in several weeks.

Mayor Nellist asked Clerk-Treasurer to give a brief explanation of the Niagara Orleans Regional Land Improvement Corporation (NORLIC) meeting held on September 25, 2019 at the NC Center for Economic Development. A NORLIC land bank is operating under the model that municipalities, land owners or banks may donate the properties in order to be rehabbed and returned to the tax roll. The mission of the land bank is to control the reuse of properties in our communities. NORLIC will not cease a property from IN REM tax foreclosure.

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees. Trustee Davis inquired about inspections at the Main Street playground. A sample form was provided at NYCOM Fall Training School and a schedule should be set up. Mayor Nellist inquired about the B2601 mowing tractor, are we getting the new one or are they repairing the old one? Mr. Remington stated they are still waiting for the mowing deck for the new tractor and the part for the old tractor was supposed to be delivered last week. Mayor Nellist also inquired about the installation of new windows at the Village Hall/Police Dept. The new windows are amazing and being able to open them and get fresh air is a welcomed change. Also, added security to the building. Pallister Avenue from Coleman Road to Main Street will be paved sometime this week as long as the weather holds out. Also, the Dollar General sidewalk from High Street to the DG parcel on Quaker Road will be installed this week or next week.

No Code Enforcement Report was submitted.
Two permits issued- 1 roof & 1 fence
Mayor Nellist inquired about needed follow up from violation letters sent in June. Mr. Remington stated none needed to be re-violated.

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees. The Village would like to propose a contact to the Barker Central School District for a School Resource Officer (SRO) to propose next month. The Village of Barker Police Department has been the first line of defense for BCS for decades and we intend to continue this service. Chief Braughler will get the information to Amanda so she can work with Tom Caserta to facilitate the contract.

- ✓ Officer Bartucca has obtained permission from the Barker Fire Hall to use the Fire hall on Halloween, October 31 to conduct a candy check/inspection station using K-9 Rocco from 6:00-9:00pm

Mayor Nellist stated that he was in the dunk tank at the Homecoming field hockey game on 9/27 and took part in the Homecoming parade. There was a great turn out and our Police force was on hand the entire evening. On 9/27 the Mayor & Chief Braughler had a meeting with NC Undersheriff Filicetti. Several issues were brought up that Mr. Filicetti was able to resolve for us immediately. It was a positive meeting and Mr. Filicetti informed the Village of many different programs like, NY-ALERT, Yellow Dot Program and vulnerable adult/child bracelets.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated she had a conversation with Officer Bartucca regarding several different ideas of ways for the Police Department to be more involved and community oriented. Officer Bartucca stated that he would like to run a child ID program in conjunction with the Mason, collecting fingerprints and DNA samples and providing K-9 demonstrations at Light Up Barker.

Correspondence:	Grand Opening of Water Ways-Museum on Main-October 10, 2019 4:00-7:00pm
	Blue Cross & Blue Shield of WNY health insurance renewal information
	NYS Senate-Senator James F. Gaughran town hall roundtable discussions being held throughout NY
	www.opioidsNegotiationClass.info public notice-sent to attorney Seaman
	Barker Central School-homecoming parade informational letter-September 27, 2019
	Trident Insurance Letter-regarding Village Hall/Library fire-September 9, 2019
	NC MUSIP 2020 plan assessment and notification of premium
	Charter Communications-Upcoming price changes & programming changes-Sept 15, 2019
	Charter Communications-Upcoming price changes & programming changes-Sept. 16, 2019
	Charter Communications-Upcoming price changes & programming changes-Sept. 30, 2019
	NC Gallonage report- <i>loss for QRT 3 2019 was 7%</i>
	NYCOM -2019 summary of enacted & pending legislation
	NYS DEC Grant opportunities-urban & community forestry projects

United States Census 2020 information
Bankruptcy filing deadlines for Ditech Holding Corporation

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 005 Voucher #'s 125-164 H3-Voucher #26
General Fund-\$19,098.00 Water Fund-\$5,166.42 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 H3-\$23,300.00 TOTAL \$48,964.42
A motion to authorize the audited claims and bill payment by Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Deputy Corwin-Bradley. AUDITED BY: Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis & Seward
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None
ABSENT-1-Baker Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Rachel Hurtgam: Inquired as to why the Board was discussing the cost of a basement. Mayor Nellist explained that it was in reference to the rebuild and costs less then adding additional first floor space to accommodate utilities and records.

Phyllis Hildebrant: Inquired about other internet options in the area. She stated that she has Spectrum, which again is raising its prices this month and the other carriers she calls do not cover our area. During the day she can use her internet with no problem, but at night it lags and she has a very hard time completing any tasks. She thanked the Board for their diligence to our community.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Davis: Asked Mr. Remington about when the Main Street Park will be re-wired, which should be sometime this month. He also inquired about core sampling contacts, which have not been received from MRB as stated in last month's meeting.

Trustee Seward: Inquired about movement on the LED street lighting project through NYPA. The different options were discussed and the savings with each option. An email to Joe Crimi of NYPA will be sent as a follow up.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated she will send an email about Light Up Barker to the Board with all the updates, as there are many. The fire hall will be holding their kids Christmas party with Santa the morning of December 14th, so a full day of things will be happening in the Village. Light Up Barker Chicken BBQ tickets will be on sale soon, hoping to sell around 300 dinners.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 8:26pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None
ABSENT-1-Baker Motion Carried.

Next work session will be Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 6:00pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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