

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



December 14, 2020 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington. Mayor Nellist was absent from the meeting.

At 7:00pm meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **Sales tax** received for November 2020 was \$10, 403.94 a decrease of \$939.01 from November 2019
A decrease in Sales Tax for 2020 in the amount of \$4,213.73

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held November 9, 2020 was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Nellist
Motioned Carried.

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

- ✓ The Village Hall will be closed:
 - Thursday, December 24th -Christmas Eve
 - Friday, December 25th - Christmas
 - Thursday, December 31st -New Year's Eve
 - Friday, January 1st - New Year's Day
- ✓ Independent Nominating Petitions for the upcoming Village Election maybe released beginning December 29th and are due between February 2-February 9th, 2021
- ✓ Friday, March 5, 2021 is the last day individuals may register with the NC County board of Elections to be eligible to vote in the Village Election on Tuesday, March 16, 2021
- ✓ Extra Trash Cart sales- I have had 2 residents insist they need a second cart before the March 1st date.

A discussion ensued about the sale of the cart and the annual fee; it was the consensus of the Board to allow early release of extra carts upon request.

- ✓ The NYPA Smart Street lighting project was briefly discussed since NYPA has asked the Village to deem the project essential or non-essential. Due to public safety concerns the project was deemed essential and notification sent to NYPA.
- ✓ COVID-19 precautions and the Village Hall operations were discussed, and it was the consensus of the Board to leave current precautions in place and allow normal business. It was suggested that the Work Sessions be moved to the Fire Hall if they allow to facilitate appropriate social distancing, which is impossible to accomplish at the current location of the Village Hall. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley will contact Stephen Horning to get permission.

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

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

Code Enforcement Officer Mark Remington received a NY PAUSE order violation via the NYS website designated to anonymously report violations of the COVID-19 executive orders, regarding a business in the Village. The first violation was issued along with educational literature and the three-step violation process that will lead to fines if not addressed.

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

Correspondence:

NC Treasurer's Office- Mortgage Tax Distribution- December 2020
M&T Bank Annual Disclosure of Merchant Services Terms and Conditions
ARGO Insurance Group-Fire Claim-December 3, 2020
NYS Dept. of Labor Unemployment notice-December 4, 2020
Office of the NC Sheriff-SEQR NC Public Safety Radio Extension Project- NC lead agency
Charter Communications-Programming Changes- November 13, 2020
Charter Communications-Programming Changes- November 30, 2020
Charter Communications-Programming Changes- December 4, 2020
Government Capital-Public Sector Financing Services
Niagara County Gallonage Reports

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 007 Voucher #'s 199-236 H3 Fund Voucher # 41
General Fund-\$11,260.75 Water Fund-\$9,462.63 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 H3-Fund\$29,427.86
TOTAL \$51,551.24

A **motion to approve payment of the audited claims by the entire Board of Trustees** was motioned by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Nellist
Motioned Carried.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Davis: Stated the Christmas tree in the Gazebo looks great and the light on the flagpole looks nice, as well.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Light Up Barker contest will be held Saturday, December 19th. Judging begins at 6:00pm and the announcement of winners will be streamed live on Facebook. The Judges this year will be Sheriff Filicetti, Former Mayor Cheryl Parr and someone from BCS. Certificates will be issued to the winners. The four categories will be:

Clark Griswold Award: Best use of excessive lights and decoration

White Christmas Award: Most traditionally elegant decorations/display

Santa's Choice Award: Best overall decorations

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas Award: Most festive business decorations

Trustee Baker: Inquired about the property on East Avenue that looks like a junk yard. Mr. Remington stated that it is a tenant situation, and he has been verbally warned several times. Courts have been closed again due to COVID.

A **motion for Adjournment was made at 7:25pm** by Trustee Gow and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Nellist
Motioned Carried.

Next work session will be Monday, January 4, 2021 @ Village Hall/Police Station at 6:00pm

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2021 @ Barker Fire Hall at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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