



VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2020 7:00PM
Barker Fire Hall Parking Lot/Pavilion

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

COVID-19 precautions taken: Meeting outside, social distancing, masks worn, gloves provided and sanitized pen provided

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Mason and Jessica Monaco arrived at 8:06pm

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

The **Sales tax** received for June 2020 was \$7,980.06 a decrease of \$3,624.65 from June 2019

The **Approval of Minutes** for the Monthly Board Meeting held June 8th, 2020

Special Meeting held June 25, 2020

Special Meeting with Barker Library July 7, 2020

A **motion to approve the above minutes** was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

Joe Niezgoda from WNY Insurance Agency presented the renewal quote from Trident, which as a 30% increase over last year's premium because of the losses that are associated with the policy. Mr. Niezgoda stated he had good news and bad news. The good news was Trident is willing to continue insuring our municipality, the bad news is that it will come at a significant increase. Mr. Niezgoda reviewed the policy and answered questions that arose.

A **motion to renew the Trident policy in the amount of \$13,169 without terrorism coverage** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

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

A motion to **accept letter of resignation from Planning Board Member Jordan Gow effective July 1, 2020** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned 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, 2020 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 2020 (April-June) will be mailed out on July 10 and are due August 10, 2020 without penalty
- Schedule a Board Audit of the financial records of the Clerk-Treasurer, tentatively scheduled for July 23rd at 2:00pm with Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and Trustee Davis conducting the audit
- Board should meet to review budget items due to lack of revenues from COVID-19, which will be done at the August 3rd work session
- Permission to attend NYCOM Fall Training School September 16-20, 2019 for the Clerk-Treasurer was granted, but with reduced revenues from COVID-19 the Board felt that it was prudent to only allow the attendance of the Clerk-Treasurer and not the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer or Trustee that was also budgeted
- Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation from August 4-11th

Trustee Seward inquired about our bank account at Tompkins bank of Castile, which is our USDA short lived asset reserve account.

The Clerk-Treasurer thanked the Board for their comprehensive approach to the rebuilding of the Village Hall & Library during the joint meeting on July 7, 2020 and their diligence in fulfilling their oath of office to the Village.

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

- Water loss for 2nd QTR 2020 was 2.92%

A discussion about placing a porta potty at the Lake Park ensued and the consensus was that the liability with COVID-19 is just too great. The Village will forego the placement this year.

A discussion was also had about the dead ash trees around the DPW buildings, they are bare and it's a matter of a couple years before they come down. This will be revisited in the near future.

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

Mayor Nellist inquired about overgrown weeds at several properties in the Village and asked Mr. Remington to contact these parcels to remedy the situation.

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

Correspondence: J. O’Connell & Associates, Inc. Grant Writer Letter
NYS DOT CHIPS totals CHIPS \$8,654.10, PAVE NY \$1,975.38, EWR \$1,556.51
Bankruptcy Court of WNY- J. Bissell
Seaman & Norris, LLP-Woodward Avenue issue
NC Treasurer’s Office- June 2020 Mortgage Tax Distribution
NYCOM letter of support for COVID-19 relief
ARGO Group- Trident Fire Claim update- June 24, 2020
NPO Litigation-Perdue Farma LLP
NYSEG Safety information
Charter Communication- Upcoming program changes- June 18, 2020
Charter Communication- Upcoming program changes- July 1, 2020
Charter Communication- Upcoming program changes- July 11, 2020
NC Water Gallonage Report

A discussion was had about the Woodward Avenue property issue. A **motion to remove the trees in the area in question** was made by Trustee Seward and seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 002 Voucher #’s 17-56 H3-FUND Voucher #37
General Fund-\$5,327.83 Water Fund-\$4,072.23 T&A Fund-\$2,127.48 H3-Fund\$4,500.00 TOTAL \$16,057.54
A motion to approve the claims audited by the entire Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Baker.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

Budget Transfer: A5130.2 Machinery \$2,025.00 to A5112.2 Permanent Imp.-CHIPS
A motion to approve the above budget transfer was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Mayor Nellist read a letter **of resignation by Trustee Benjamin Seward due to the fact he is moving out of the Village effective at the close of this meeting.**
A motion to regretfully accept his resignation was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Baker.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

Board Comment was offered by:
Trustee Seward: Thanked everyone for the support he received during his tenure and felt that a lot of accomplishments were made during the past 2 years.
Mayor Nellist: Thanked Trustee Seward for his willingness to serve and stated the Board was a better Board with him on it

A motion for **adjournment was made at 8:16pm** by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Baker,Davis,Seward NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

Board Audit Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 2:00pm with Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and Trustee Davis
Next work session will be Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall/Police Station
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall Pavilion

Respectfully Submitted,

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