

This meeting was called on Tuesday, June 30th by Mayor Nellist to keep the forward momentum of progress toward rebuilding the Village Hall & Library. The meeting notice was posted on the Village's website, posted in the Post Office & Village Hall, as well as the Union Sun & Journal being notified.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JOINT MEETING WITH BARKER PUBLIC LIBRARY



July 7, 2020 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall Pavilion

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

COVID-19 precautions in place: social distancing, masks worn & hand sanitizer available

In Attendance: All Village of Barker Board of Trustees members & Barker Public Library members: Roy Anderson, Terry Upton, Brian Carmer, Jessica Monaco, Marilyn Zaciewski, Kathie Smith and Director Lisa Thomas.

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

Mayor Nellist began the meeting by stating that occasionally joint meetings between the Village and Library will need to be held to keep the line of communication open and continue forward momentum. Barton & Loguidice was chosen after the last engineering firm because of the scope of services they could offer and the ability to pursue grant money on behalf of the Village. Mayor Nellist stated that difficult decisions will have to be made moving forward and as long as the Village and Library can work cooperatively, it should be a successful process. A draft Municipal Building Facility Replacement Concept Plan Memorandum was discussed in detail, as well as the cost estimated associated with the concept plan. The cost estimate provided by Barton & Loguidice was broken down into percentage of benefit for each entity. Mayor Nellist stated the Village Board has met to discuss this cost estimate on June 25th and unanimously agreed to ask the Barker Public Library to contribute one third of the cost towards the new building with the Village contributing two thirds of the cost. Mayor Nellist stated that these were reasonable amounts when grant possibilities are factored into each entities portion. The overall estimate for the rebuilding of the Village Hall and Library was \$1,626,800, with \$129,00 of this cost being the additional 600 square feet the Library requested as an addition. The Local Government Efficiency grant could be applied for which is up to \$200,000 per entity from the Dept. of State. LGE Grants have a rolling deadline as projects become available. Barton & Loguidice would prepare the grant for the Village and Library if this avenue is chosen to pursue. The CFA Grant was determined that the Village Hall project would not qualify, but could pursue a USDA low interest loan. The Village is not willing to go out to bond for this project or borrow money. Mayor Nellist also stated he has had various members of the community approach him and offer to help monetarily if needed when it's time to rebuild. The Library could solicit donations or fundraise to help with the one third the Village is asking for assistance.

Various Library Officials asked questions and provided feedback about having to pay one third of the building cost. Kathie Smith stated the Library did not own the prior building; therefore they don't have insurance money to use toward the one third portion. Terry Upton questioned the building improvements made over the years that added value to the Village's building and asked for a 2/3 & 1/3 split after all the insurance money has been awarded on the remainder of what is left to cover the cost. Jessica Monaco inquired about being tied to the floor plan that has been proposed or can deletions be made to help reduce the cost. Mayor Nellist stated the Village's portion contains necessities, while the Library can choose to reduce the size. Mayor Nellist also stated that the Library will have the ability to utilize the shared break room, staff bathroom & public restrooms that also add to their square footage. Overall the Library is gaining a lot of space due to the share facilities, before they had their own bathroom and break room.

Mayor Nellist stated that each entity will need to work closely with their legal counsel when it comes to lease terms and offered that if the Library does contribute possibly a longer lease term or in lieu of terms could be agreed upon. It is a possibility that the Library would have to co-own the building if they contribute a substantial amount to the rebuild. Sharing the building cost gives both entities skin in the game and a number needs to be reached that make sense for both parties.

The Library will discuss the Village's request at their Board Meeting being held Monday, July 13, 2020. Another joint meeting maybe set up afterward to further discuss the request with just the Village and the Library or if all parties agree Barton & Loguidice could also be asked to join.

Lisa Thompson inquired about the core sampling that was done to see if the basement was a possibility, which looks like a basement will be possible. The Village was not notified of when the core sampling would was completed, Mrs. Thompson would have liked to have been notified when this was happening. Mayor Nellist stated the company that completed the work did so when in the area, no one was notified of the exact date. Terry Upton asked for better communication moving forward. Mayor Nellist stated that he didn't want to send along this estimate without explanation because it could be taken out of context.

A **motion for Adjournment was made at 7:48pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

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

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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