

A work session was not held September 7, 2020 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING AGENDA



September 14, 2020 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall Parking Lot/Pavilion

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

In **Attendance:** DPW Laborer April Rosseler, Benjamin Joe from the Union Sun & Journal.

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

The **Sales tax** received for August 2020 was \$10,5050.08 a decrease of \$756.08 from August 2019.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held August 10, 2020 was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Authorization for Barton & Loguidice to proceed with the “Final Design Development” project phase of the Village of Barker Village Municipal Building Replacement Project to replace the Village Hall & Library building that was lost to fire in January 2019 in the amount of \$102,200.

A motion to **authorize Barton & Loguidice to proceed with the “Final Design Development” project phase for the Barker Village Municipal Building Replacement Project** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Authorization to accept the lowest qualified bidder for the Niagara County Solid Waste Consortium Bid released July 1, 2020 to Modern Disposal in the amount of \$206.51 per parcel for a contract term of 6 years commencing on January 1, 2021, including option #3 the recycling alternate. The Village will have to purchase refuse carts and have them in place by January 1, 2021, as well as procure a dumpster separate from the Refuse Contract.

A motion to **accept of the lowest qualified bidder for NC Solid Waste Consortium to Modern Disposal** was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Authorization to allow Document Reprocessors to destroy the records that have been restored, digitized and returned to the Village from the Village Hall/Library fire January 20, 2019.

A motion to **authorize DR to destroy the Village’s records from the VH/Library fire** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Resolution #19-2020 NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Resolution

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend , cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, as the Village of Barker wishes to invest portions of its available investments’ funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker wishes to assure the safety of liquidity of its funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

That Amanda M. Detschner is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019 in the name of and on behalf of the Village of Barker.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #19-2020** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Baker. The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

NYCLASS is an investment plan for public entities that yields higher returns in interest than a traditional bank because of the large size of the investment portfolio. Even though interest rates are low, they will eventually climb gaining the Village new revenue on their Savings & Reserves.

A Discussion about Trick or Treat hours ensued and multiple scenarios were discussed. Usually the Village holds Trick or Treat hours on the day of Halloween, which will be a Saturday from 5:00-7:00pm. Trustee Davis voiced his concern for the possibility that the Governor will cancel Trick or Treating, which he feels can be done safely during COVID-19, so he suggested not having set hours. Mayor Nellist agreed with moving ahead and setting Trick or Treat hours during the September meeting because that is when we set them every year. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated the Police should be on duty as they usually are on Halloween, but the Board should not be expected to police the streets if Trick or Treat hours are cancelled by an Executive Order. Trustee Baker agreed with setting Trick or

Treating hours and moving ahead as usually, with COVID-19 guidelines for safety. Mayor Nellist stated if something changes in regards to Trick or Treating it will be removed from our website and social media. COVID-19 guidance will accompany the Trick or Treating hours on the Village’s website and on social media.

A **motion to set the Trick or Treating hours for October 31, 2020 from 5:00-7:30pm** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded Trustee Baker.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Trustee Aaron Davis gave an overview of the NYPA LED Smart Streetlighting project. This has been discussed in great detail on many occasions over the past year. In order to procure the fixtures from National Grid the Village of Barker will have to bond \$29,200 to guarantee the work will be completed in a timely manner. Once the work is complete the bond can be resolved. The differences between the NYPA program and the National Grid program, is that the NYPA program you can purchase the fixtures from National Grid, design LED street lighting that works for your community, incorporate smart technology and maintenance is done by the Village hiring a vendor, which could save the Village approximately \$9,000 a year after the project is paid back. The National Grid LED street lighting program will change out the current fixtures with LED fixtures at set fixed tariff rate, which would save the Village approximately \$3,200 per year. After discussion it was the consensus that this is an opportunity this small Village could not pass up. A unanimous consensus by the Board was to go with NYPA LED Smart Street Lighting program.

A motion to execute the National Grid Purchase Agreement was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-3- Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None ABSTAIN-1-Nellist Motion Carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer’s financial reports were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- ✓ Village Election will be held September 15, 2020 at the Barker Fire Hall from Noon until 9:00pm for the two trustee positions on the ballot
- ✓ Village Tax collection remains open until October 31, 2020 with September penalty being 7% and October penalty at 8%. Unpaid tax notices have been mailed to property owners September 2, 2020.
- ✓ Fall Newsletter input would be greatly appreciated by September 30, 2020 and inquiries have begun about Halloween trick or treat hours
Target mailing date is October 15th
- ✓ The Village must complete a Pandemic Operations Plan by April 1, 2021 to comply with new NYS Law Chapter 168 of the Laws of 2020. A class will be offered at NYCOM virtual Fall Training School Sept. 22-24th on what exactly the plan must look like and the information to be included
- ✓ Dumpster quotes are being solicited for 8 cubic foot dumpster, serviced once a week with cost for additional service if needed. So far, the quotes range from \$191.00 per month to \$325.00 per month.

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

Trustee Davis asked if we could remove the radar sign located on Coleman Road, the Board was in agreement and April was asked to remove it.

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

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

Correspondence:	United States Bankruptcy Court- 8708 Coleman Road
	NYSEG Rate Increase & closure of 6 customer service offices-NYS Public Service Commission
	NC Gallonage Report
	Niagara County Sheriff 2019 Annual Report
	NYS Dept. of Labor- Unemployment Notice
	Seaman & Norris- NYPA Smart Street Lighting project legal review National Grid Purchase Agreement
	NYSLRS- December 2020 Employer Estimate contribution
	Job Corps- News & Updates
	Charter Communications- Upcoming program changes- August 4, 2020

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 004 Voucher #'s 94-133
General Fund-\$8,455.57 Water Fund-\$1,019.28 T&A Fund-\$2,100.00 TOTAL \$11,574.85

A motion to **approve the audited claims by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers: A3120.47 Police-Building Maintenance \$300.00 to A3120.41 Police-Insurance
A19940.4 Contingency \$1,936.00 to A1910.4 Insurance

A motion to **approve the above budget transfers** was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:
April Roessler: Stated it was nice to meet the Board

Board Comment was offered by:
Mayor Nellist: The Library asked if the Village could aid in finding a contractor that would submit a quote for the grant they are applying for. The contractor just has to put the description and pricing that was done by Barton & Loguidice onto their letterhead. This is not a binding quote, just for approximate cost purposes. Also, Mayor Nellist asked if someone from the Board would be available to meet or have a conference call with Dawn Kuras, USDA Rural Development about the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) that the Village can apply for and help all businesses located in the Village. It must help multiple businesses and be for a specific purpose like expanding production, retaining employees etc. A business reached out to Mayor Nellist to inquire if the Village could apply for

this funding to help them expand production. After several phone calls and literature, it's still unclear if the Village could apply for this funding.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Light Up Barker event will only be the light contest this year because of COVID-19.

Mayor Nellist inquired if she has had any contact with the American Legion and she replied none.

Trustee Davis: Stated the Village should look at amending the water law to include a \$100.00 fee for having to place unpaid water on tax roll. Trustee Davis also asked if we could move into the Fire Hall for the next meeting due to the weather change and it being dark much earlier.

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

The previous was ADOPTED. AYE-4-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Due to the Columbus Day Holiday on October 12, 2020 the Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 5th, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted,

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