



BUDGET SESSION MINUTES

February 8, 2021
6:00pm
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance**: Melanie Hirschman, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington

Mayor Nellist **opened the meeting at 6:00pm** by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beginning FY 2021-2022 Budget discussions:

Began with General Fund Account A1010.1 through A9060.8. Salaries were not discussed at this time. Discussions ensued about prioritizing equipment needs, the roof for the DPW garage and paving projects. These items will be revisited at the next Budget Session.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 6:51pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2021 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall



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

In **Attendance**: Neal Gordon, Philip Bates, Melanie Hirschman, Benjamin Joe, Police Chief Timothy Braughler, Police Officer Jeremy Blair, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Mason. Trustee Baker was absent from the meeting.

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

Resolution #4-2021

Authorizing a Public Hearing to Discuss Applying for a Community Development Block Grant

Authorize a Public Hearing to discuss community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2020 program year.

A motion to **ADOPT Resolution #4-2021** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

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

Resolution #5-2021 Opening the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application

Opening the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application

A motion to **ADOPT Resolution #5-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application Drainage System Study of the Village of Barker

The **Public Hearing was opened at 7:02pm** by Mayor Nellist. Then Mayor Nellist gave a brief description of the needs the Village has regarding stormwater drainage issues and applying for this grant would allow a through study of the existing infrastructure and needed remediation.

Mayor Nellist asked if there was public comment regarding the CDBG Grant. After asking twice if anyone present had public comment, no comments were offered by the public present.

Resolution #6-2021 Closing the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application

Closing the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application

At 7:05pm the Public Comment portion was closed by **ADOPTING Resolution #6-2021** on a motion from Deputy Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Gow.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

Resolution #7-2021 CDBG Grant Application Signatory

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker has held a public hearing to obtain citizen’s views in relation to the application for funds; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Community Renewal application process requires that the governing body of the applicant authorize the submission of the application and related actions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barker hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Barker to submit an application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including the execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such addition information as may be required

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #7-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Gow.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

Resolution #8-2021 Commitment of Funds to CDBG Grant if Awarded

Committing the Village of Barker to provide a cash match of **\$1,500.00** if awarded a Community Planning Community Development Block Grant to study and analyze the Village of Barker’s stormwater drainage system and necessary remediation plans.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #8-2021** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

Resolution #9-2021 Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Section 3 Policy

This policy on file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #9-2021** was made by Trustee Gow and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

Resolution #10-2021 Fair Housing Policy

This Policy is on file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #10-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

The **Sales tax** received for January 2021 was \$16,944.58 an increase of \$962.78 from January 2020.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting January 11, 2021 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Gow.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

A motion to **Renew the Highway Department Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset for 2021** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

A motion to **Renew the Water Department Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset for 2021** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

Appointment of Village Election Inspectors for the Village Election March 16, 2021

Chairwoman- Grace Bodine
Inspector-Kathie Smith
Alternate-Janet Kerth
Alternate-Suzane Federici

A **motion to appoint the above Election Inspectors** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

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

- ✓ Unpaid water account balances as of March 31, 2021 will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for the property, final notices will be sent on February 26, 2021 to all unpaid customers
- ✓ Elections petitions are due by Tuesday, February 9th in order to be on the ballot
- ✓ Friday, March 5th, 2021 is the last day an individual may register with the County Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in the Village Election

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
DPW Superintendent Mark Remington did an inventory of the water meters in stock, which is 14. A quote was obtained from EJP about the cost for switching to radio water meter readers and the software to facilitate the radio reads. Other quotes will be obtained to compare pricing. Maybe something to phase in over time to help save money on 2 ½ days labor to do manual water meter reads.

The **Code Enforcement Report**
No report submitted

Trustee Davis questioned a property that their fence is leaning quite a bit towards the road on Church Street.

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
Chief Braughler introduced Officer Jeremy Blair to the Board and audience. Chief discussed the idea of bringing a PBA (Police Benevolent Association) to the Barker Police Department to be able to generate funds to help community members in various ways. This years adopt a family for Christmas had overwhelming response, but unfortunately they were only able to choose two families. This also would allow for fund raising to get the basketball court in David Barker Park on Main Street. Mayor Nellist had several questions about how the organization would work and the structure. Chief explained its in the very early stages of investigating such an endeavor. A copy of the Mt. Morris PBA Constitution and By-Laws were given as an example of the structure. Mayor Nellist stated having an organization like this needs to vet the officers to make sure proper protocols are followed and reports submitted. Chief Braughler stated that maybe the pistol permit classes could be charged a fee for attendance because other classes charge between \$60-\$150 dollar per class. Mayor Nellist stated we would have to check with council to see if this is something the Village can charge.

Trustee Davis inquired as to other NYS grants available for extra detail during crack down weekends. Trustee Davis stated he would like to see the PD utilize as much NYS grant money that is available to make the budget to further. Chief Braughler stated that blitz coverage is hard because our Officer work other full-time jobs and sometimes are unable to fill the shift due to their FT commitment.

Chief Braughler also asked the Board to promote Officer Jeremy Blair to Sergeant position that is currently vacant. A **motion to approve the promotion of Officer Jeremy Blair to Sergeant** (pending approval from NC Civil Service) was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

Correspondence: NYS Dept. of Labor-Unemployment Notice 1/8/2021
NC Sheriff- Notice Lead Agency SEQRA for tower expansion project at Barker Central School
Charter Communications-Programing changes and Updates- January 29, 2021
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 009 Voucher #'s 265-291 H3-Voucher # 42
General Fund-\$4,218.78 Water Fund-\$84.52 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 H3-Fund\$22,304.14 TOTAL \$28,007.44
A **motion to approve the above audited claims and bill payment by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Gow.

Public Comment was offered by:
Philip Bates: Mr. Bates began by inquiring about the Village Code about how many unregistered vehicles a residence can have. The answer is one. Mr. Bates stated there are many residences in violation of this along Quaker Road. Mr. Bates also inquired about how many hours the PD patrols a month. Mayor Nellist stated this month 69, which is due to maintaining the personal service line for Police Officers in the budget. Mr. Bates stated that the Town of Somerset PD should not be at the school every day, the school is in the Village and therefore the Village should be the ones at the School. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated that the school situation is a contracted Student Resource Officer. Mr. Bates also inquired about how come his Town and County taxes were \$1200 more. Mayor Nellist stated he would have to speak with the Town and County for answers. Mr. Bates inquired about why the money received from the fire be put toward the water bond because the building the Village is operating out of is sufficient. Mayor Nellist stated that insurance money must go to rebuilding, it can not be used for another reason. Mr. Bates inquired about the cost of water from NC and how much the Village charges. Mayor Nellist stated that the Village had to work with the situation delt, half the lines were replaced by a 1.2 million dollar grant and the rest was done by low interest bond. Administrative costs are also associated with water, as well as water operating as its own fund. Tax money does not go to water, water fees pay for water expenses. Mr. Bates stated that Quaker Road is a racetrack and speed enforcement needs to be stepped up.

Board Comment was offered by:
Mayor Nellist: Stated he is dealing with many different things and will be leaning on other Board members to get help between COVID and family circumstances.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:59pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motion Carried.

Next work session will be Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 6:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 8th, 2021 @ 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road

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