

This meeting was posted on the Village website and in the Union Sun & Journal newspaper. The meeting started late due to a power outage in the area that was restored at 5:56pm.

VILLAGE OF BARKER WORK SESSION MINUTES



March 1, 2021

6:00pm

@ Barker Fire Hall

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

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

The meeting was opened at 6:15pm by Mayor Nellist reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 90% building review plans

A brief discussion took place about setting up a Zoom meeting later this week or early next week to review the updated building plans. An email will be sent when the date and time are confirmed. A meeting with Argo Insurance, NFA Adjuster Dan Graff, Mayor Nellist and Amanda Detschner will take place Monday, March 8th at 1:00pm.

Mayor Nellist brought the following topics up for discussion:

- Garbage collection violators from Modern's route report for the week of February 26th contained 13 parcels in the Village that did not comply with the new regulations. A violation letter was written and sent to all parcels.
- An email from NYSEG regarding the storm this afternoon and evening
- Police Chief Braughler sent documentation of each Officers training and certification held to Mayor Nellist. The Explorer is now at the DPW lot, but the Tahoe needs to be returned.
- An email was received from Matt Zarbo regarding paperwork that needs to be executed by Mayor Nellist for the CDBG Grant for the stormwater drainage study be submitted by Friday, March 5th
- An email was received from Rebecca Wydysh regarding green energy projects (solar and wind) of any size in each municipality be sent to the County to compile a database.
- An email was received from NYS Office of General Services regarding beginning a state-owned cemetery in the area.
- On February 26, 2021 Mayor Nellist attending a meeting with the communities in the Lake Ontario Preparedness group regarding connection of hiking trails throughout Niagara County. This group includes the Town of Lewiston, Village of Lewiston, Village of Youngstown, Town of Porter, Village of Wilson, Town of Wilson, Town of Newfane, Village of Barker, and the Town of Somerset.
- An email was received from USDA regarding European Asian Fruit Fly permission to access Village properties.
- The Village has had several unemployment claims recently, including a fraudulent claim for one individual.
- An email was received from NYSEDA regarding available funding for clean energy communities' program. Trustee Davis will contact this program and inquire about the LED streetlighting project and possibly adding solar to a future Village Hall/Library
- The Board of Trustees discussed formally retiring K-9 Warrant from service
- An email was received from ISO regarding the rating structural fire suppression delivery system provided to our community and Somerset. A retrogression has been issued based on the data received from the NC emergency services questionnaire, Barker Fire Hall analysis, Town of Somerset analysis and the Village of Barker. Mayor Nellist will reach out to see what the Village can do to retain the current 3/3x rating.
- GRT audit from Computel Consultants regarding RG&E/NYSEG refusal to pay GRT on the supply income on the natural gas they collect. Computel Consultants has retained legal counsel to remedy this long standing stance only taken by RG&E/NYSEG.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

No **Board Comment** was offered.

A **motion for adjournment was made at 6:41pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00pm @ Barker Fire Hall.

BUDGET SESSION MEETING MINTUES

The budget session began at 6:42pm.

A review of Water Fund Balance and General Fund Balance available for the FY 2021-2022 budget. A discussion ensued about altering the percentages between the General and Water funds. The Clerk-Treasurer will work out different percentages and present to the Board so an informed decision can be made.

The water fund budget of appropriations was deemed acceptable.

A review of several general fund appropriations began. A1640.45 DPW garage was changed to \$28,000 to do the roof on the block building. A3120.45 Police supplies was decreased to \$1550.00. A discussion ensued about the deletion

of one air cards in one of the police vehicles. The Board unanimous agreed that this step should be taken. A5110.4 Street Maintenance was reduced to \$3000.00 and A5130.2 Machinery was reduced to \$0. The dump truck will be placed on hold this upcoming fiscal year, as well as paving projects of East Avenue and Church Street. Which brought the general fund appropriations to \$356,798 from \$427,498.

The DPW laborer salary line was reviewed. Trustee Davis proposed brining all DPW Laborers to \$14.00 per hour. A lengthy discussion followed and ultimately the decision was to bring the two P/T Laborers to \$14.00 per hour and the one with seniority was left at \$14.50 per hour.

Further decisions could not be made without updated figures. The Clerk-Treasurer will update the figures and provide calculations on the general/water percentage split.

A motion to adjourn the budget session was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Baker. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Baker, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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