

This meeting was called my Mayor Nellist on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and posted on the Village bulletin board, Post Office community board, published on the Village website and sent to the Union Sun & Journal for publication.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2021 6:00pm  
@ Village Hall



Mayor Aaron Nellist  
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley  
Trustee Aaron Davis  
Trustee Jordan Gow-*Absent*  
Trustee Melanie Hirschman

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington. Trustee Gow was absent from the meeting.

At **6:00pm meeting was called to order** by Mayor Nellist by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Health insurance Renewal Options

	BCBS Platinum POS	Independent Health Platinum FlexFit	Independent Health Choice Plus	BCBS Platinum Apex
Single	642.77	643.20	607.59	608.72
Employee +Child(ren)	1092.71	1093.44	1032.90	1034.82
Employee + Spouse	1285.54	1286.40	1215.18	1217.44
Family	1831.89	1833.12	1731.63	1734.85
Village Cost 2xEmployee+Spouse	2571.08/month 30,852.96 annual	2572.80/month 30,873.60 annual	2430.36/month 29,164.32 annual	2434.88/month 29,218.56 annual
Difference from 2021 2xEmployee+Spouse=2438.60	+132.48/month +1589.76 annual	+134.20/month +1610.40 annual	(8.24)/month (98.88) annual	(3.72)/month (44.64) annual
Coverage	Most like current plan of BCBS Platinum Align+	Next plan that is like current plan	Has a deductible and would cost more for out of pocket b/c PCP are in tier B, not tier A	Does not include any doctors that either employee sees

A discussion about each health insurance plan and coverage was held and carefully deliberated over. The deadline for enrollment is November 1<sup>st</sup> for a December 1<sup>st</sup> start date.

A **motion to enroll in the BCBS Platinum POS coverage** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAYS-0/none  
ABSENT-1-Gow Motioned Carried.

Police Liability Coverage through NYMIR

A discussion regarding the cancelation the Police Liability portion of the insurance policy through NYMIR as of the policy date of August 13, 2021 for a \$1,859.00 credit due to the abolishment of the Police Department.

A **motion to cancel the police liability portion of the insurance policy through NYMIR** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAYS-0/none  
ABSENT-1-Gow Motioned Carried.

A discussion regarding the **acceptance of the NYSEG GRT Settlement Agreement in the amount of \$1,500.00** ensued. NYSEG had previously taken the stance that they did not have to pay gross receipts tax on “ESO” delivery of its utility, when all other utilizes pay GRT on the ESO delivery portion of their utility. After pressure from 91 municipalities and legal counsel retained by Computel Consultants NYSEG made a settlement offer of \$750,000. The Village of Barker’s portion of the settlement is \$1,500.00.

A **motion to approve the settlement offer from NYSEG GRT Settlement Agreement** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAYS-0/none  
ABSENT-1-Gow Motioned Carried.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of Escarpment Arms in Newfane to help guide the Village in appraising the firearms that once belonged to the Police Department. Once an appraisal is complete the remaining Officers in good standing will have the opportunity to purchase their service weapons and any remaining weapons would be sold by Escarpment Arms once an agreement by both parties was complete.

A **discussion of LED street lighting project** continued after looking over information gathered after the October 4, 2021 meeting. Trustee Davis presented the information and several different options were examined. Trustee Davis was asked to clarify some information from NYPA before our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for further discussion. The consensus of the Board members present was to continue exploring the NYPA program since it has been in the works for 2 years.

Clerk-Treasurer Detschner invited the Board to a meeting on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Cambria Community Center for a meeting with Modern to discuss service issues with the consortium communities. It's time to help NC update the Hazard Mitigation Plan (every 5 years) a zoom meeting will be held Nov. 4 at 10:00am to kick off the process. Bid openings for the basement of the new VH/Library will be Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Village Hall. Board Audit of the FY 2020-2021 books with Clerk-Treasurer Detschner will be Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> with Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and Trustee Hirschman in attendance.

DPW Superintendent Mark Remington stated he is trying to get the problem areas on the Main Street sidewalk ground down so that they are no longer a tripping hazard. A quote for this service will be obtained.

**No Public Comment** was offered.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Davis: Stated the Village should institute a complaint form for anytime a complaint comes into the Village, the form must be completed by the resident before action is taken. It's a system of check and balances to ensure all complaints are being dealt with properly. Trustee Davis also stated that the Town of Somerset is purchasing GIS system to map each parcel, ROW, easements, water mains, sewer mains and drainage. A brief overview of GIS was discussed and the applications it could be used for. The ARPA money was discussed as it can be used to replace lead services to houses, there are 2 remaining lead services that are tested annually. A further discussion into ARPA money usage will be had at the November 1<sup>st</sup> work session.

**A motion for Adjournment was made at 7:00pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Hirschman NAYS-0/none  
ABSENT-1-Gow Motioned Carried.

**Next regularly scheduled work session meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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