

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



October 4, 2021 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire 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, Kathie Smith & Neal Gordon. Attorney Daniel Seaman and Anthony Serianni were also in attendance. Trustee Gow was absent.

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

The **Sales tax** received for September 2021 was \$13,060.76 a \$2,121.73 increase from September 2020.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held September 13, 2021 was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow.
Motioned Carried.

Resolution #35 -2021 Rejecting All Bids Village Hall Construction

WHEREAS, the Village advertised a project for public works, PRC # 2021008825, for the construction of the Village of Barker Village Municipal Building Shell, and such bids were received and publicly opened at 1697 East Avenue, Barker, New York on September 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker hereby rejects all bids for PRC # 2021008825, and directs the Village Clerk-Treasurer to notify all bidders.

A brief discussion ensued about the price of the bids received were significantly higher than expected, therefore strategies were discussed to get better pricing. It was decided to move to a 3 phase project and bid the basement portion next by itself.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #35-2021** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow. Motioned Carried.

Resolution #36-2021 Authorizing Bidding for Public Work Village Hall Construction

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker intends to construct a Village Hall building, and to bid the project in 3 phases, Phase 1-the basement portion, Phase 2-the building shell and Phase 3-complete the building by installing utilities, walls and finishes

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the bidding of the basement portion only as designated by Barton & Loguidice.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #36-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow. Motioned Carried.

Resolution # 37-2021 Declaring the Village's Intent to Lease Village Hall Space to the Barker Public Library

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker has authorized bidding to construct the basement portion of the proposed Village Hall, and

WHEREAS, the Barker Public Library seeks to secure funding for construction of the new Village Library with the use of grant funds provided by the State Aid for Library Construction Program, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker intends to lease a portion of space in the proposed Village Hall to the Barker Public Library as the new Village Library premises, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village intends to designate a portion of the basement to be constructed by bid as designated by Barton & Loguidice to be used exclusively by the library for storage pursuant to a contract, and further, the mechanical units to be located in the basement will service the main space to be leased to the library.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #37-2021** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow. Motioned Carried.

Resolution # 38-2021 Declaring 2018 Ford Explorer Interceptor as Surplus
WHEREAS, the Village of Barker has abolished its police force, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset provides policing services to the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village owns a 2018 Ford Explorer Interceptor police vehicle, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, said vehicle is declared to be surplus, and the Village Mayor is authorized to transfer ownership thereof to the Town of Somerset, provided the Town accepts the same in “as is condition.”

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #38-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow. Motioned Carried.

Resolution #39-2021 Declaring 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor as Surplus

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker, having abolished its police force, owns a 2010 Ford Crown Vic Police Interceptor vehicle, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, said vehicle is declared to be surplus property, and the Village Mayor is authorized to sell said vehicle at a negotiated price, or in such other manner as he determines.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #39-2021** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Davis. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow. Motioned Carried.

NYPA LED Street Lighting Project Update

Trustee Aaron Davis gave a brief update on the NYPA LED Smart Street Lighting Project. Previously, it was unclear if the Village wanted to proceed with the NYPA program due to the cost rising substantially from the initial quote provided in 2019. The updated quote with the smart nodes was just over \$100,000 with an 18.5 years payback, without the nodes would be approximately \$65,000 with a 11.71 year payback. Trustee Davis has investigated private contractors that could bid the project and if that route was chosen the Village would have to finance on its own through the budget, ARPA money is not applicable to this type of infrastructure. The quote from a private contractor was approximately \$35,000 for purchasing the light fixtures and installing them, with the maintenance contract quote of \$75.00 per hour for each repair, plus parts. If the Village chooses to follow the private contractor path, prevailing wage and bidding would come into play. National Grid Purchase Agreement is good through June 2022, if this agreement lapses, we would have to start the process over again. A discussion ensued by the Board of Trustees and the consensus was to have the attorneys look everything over and get more information before a decision is made which route to follow.

Resolution #40-2021 NYSLRS Standard Workday Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

TITLE	NAME	Standard Work Day (hrs/day)	Term begins & Ends	Participating in Employer's Time keeping system (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials					
MAYOR	Aaron S. Nellist	6.00	4/21-3/31/2023	N	11.92
TRUSTEE	Melanie Hirschman	6.00	4/21-3/31/2023	N	2.16
TRUSTEE	Aaron Davis	6.00	4/21-3/31/2023	N	3.46
TRUSTEE	Seanna Corwin-Bradley	6.00	4/21-3/31/2023	N	1.0
Appointed Officials					
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	Mark D. Remington	6.00	4/21-3/31/2023	N	2.17

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #40-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow. Motioned Carried.

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

- ✓ Fall 2021 newsletter will be ready to mail by October 14th, please submit any articles you wish to be included by Oct.7th
- ✓ Water bills for 3rd QTR 2021 will be mailed on October 8th and will be due by November 10th, 2021 without penalty
- ✓ Any remaining unpaid property taxes as of October 30, 2021 will be re-levied onto the Town/County Tax Roll for collection in January 2022
- ✓ Village Hall will be CLOSED Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day, Tuesday, November 2nd for Election Day and Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day
- ✓ I reached out to Paychex HRS several times about health insurance renewal, they stated they should have the rates for 4th QTR within the week. I will analyze the information and send it to everyone when it becomes available

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
Trustee Hirschman received a complainant about a sign on the corner of Haight Road and Quaker Road, that it blocks sightline. Quaker is a county road, the complaint would need to be passed onto the NC DPW.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
2 permits issued: demo & a shed

Mayor Nellist inquired about the demolition at 8703 Main Street, he stated the debris has not been cleared of asbestos and a new contractor may be hired to dispose of the debris according to the asbestos regulations. Mayor Nellist also stated the sign on Quaker Road apartment building is enough, the landlord will be contacted to take it down ASAP.

Correspondence: Blue Cross & Blue Shield- Health Insurance benefits and new resources
Ford- 2018 Police Interceptor recall notice
Eric Aviles- Letter of Intent for business located 1695 East Avenue
NYS PSC broadband & internet survey Letter
Argo Insurance-final claim Settlement check
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 005 Voucher #'s 133-167
General Fund-\$9,510.17 Water Fund-\$2,898.37 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$13,808.54
A motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow.
Motioned Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:
Kathie Smith: Thanked the Board for hanging in there regarding the VH/Library project.

Board Comment was offered by:
Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Congratulated Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner on her “Clerk of the Year” award received September 23, 2021 at the NYS Association of City and Village Clerk Annual meeting at NYCOM Fall Training School. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley also stated the Lions Club will be holding a trunk or treat on October 31st at the Lion’s Club building and the Town of Somerset Police Department will be handing out child ID kits in the Main Street park on Halloween.
Trustee Hirschman: Congratulated Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner on her “Clerk of the Year” award and stated she was proud to have her representing the Village. Trustee Hirschman also stated that her family does the story walk in the park at least once a week and feels that it’s a great addition to our park.
Trustee Davis: Stated he met with Badger water meters while attending NYCOM FTS to get an approximate cost on upgrading Village water meters, which is an acceptable use of ARPA money. These state of the art meters are pricy, but have a lot of features that would save on labor costs and efficiency. The meter readings would be pulled over the internet by the Clerk-Treasurer’s computer, saving 2 ½ days of labor walking house to house. Reads could be pulled at any time to have a better handle on loss, as well as an app the residents could download that would allow them to set a standard flow, alert to a drop in temperature and see usage. Trustee Davis also stated that the Village should look into videotaping restrictions inside the Village Hall and how to avoid being hooked fishing/smishing emails after taking a cyber security class at NYCOM FTS, as well as never operating under admin to save hackers from getting access to your entire computer system.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:43pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman NAY-0/None ABSENT-1-Gow.
Motioned Carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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