



VILLAGE OF BARKER WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 7, 2022
6:00pm @Barker Fire Department

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

In **Attendance**: David Quiett, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington

The meeting was **opened at 6:03pm** by Mayor Nellist administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

A discussion ensued about the results of the employment interviews held Saturday, March 5th and Monday, March 7th for Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position. Mayor Nellist stated there were two stronger candidates and he had a preference on which one he would choose. Trustee Hirschman stated after reviewing the applications she also had a preference for one of the candidates. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated that the two interviews she was present for on Saturday, March 5th via Zoom, she also had a preference on which candidate would be the best fit. Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner shared the same opinion of the candidates and also felt one candidate was a better fit based on the interviews held. After each Board member revealing their top pick, the candidate chosen was unanimously selected. The appointment of Ruth Dent will be made at Board meeting being held on March 14th.

The proposed Chicken Law by Trustee Aaron Davis was reviewed by the Board after being modified by the Village's counsel. The Board was happy with the draft and wishes to introduce it at the Board meeting being held March 14th. A public hearing will also be set on the proposed local law at the Board meeting.

New Village Hall/Library building phase I contract was signed on Monday, March 7th, 2022 with Mulvey construction who was the lowest qualified bidder for the project. This marks a historic day in the Village and should be completed in 170 days. Mayor Nellist stated he has no doubt Mulvey construction will move swiftly and accurately giving the Village a desired building shell. The pre-construction meeting agenda was reviewed, also.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated she would be attending a meeting with Heidi Durgal regarding organization of volunteers for various events in the Town of Somerset and Village of Barker and centralized ideas. The organization of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Erie & Niagara Counties asked for a meeting with Mayor Nellist and any other interested Board members to share their vision of programming in Barker Central Schools and gain public support. This program would greatly benefit the community.

Jordan Gow: Stated he was approached by a couple concerned citizens that West Somerset Road was in deteriorating condition and the shoulders are non-existent causing tractor trailers to swerve into traffic to avoid pot holes. West Somerset is a county road and is maintained by the county. Mike Flint is aware of the issue and has notified Dean Lapp of NC DPW.

Trustee Davis: Stated there is a small amount of money in the Light Up Barker 5K bank account that maybe transferred to the "Friends of Barker" volunteer group in the future.

Trustee Hirschman: Stated the only remaining question for the DPW roof quotes is the steel plate as fascia not stated in one of the quotes by RJKing. She will check on this to ensure all quotes are for the same work to be preformed.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 6:46pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2022 @ Barker Fire Hall

A Budget Session immediately preceding the Board Meeting at 6:00pm.

Budget session FY 2022-2023 budget

The Budget Session began at 6:50pm.

A review of all budget lines in the General Fund, Water Fund and Revenues ensued. Changes were made to A1325.4 Clerk-Treasurer Contractual, A1420.4 Attorney, A1640.45 DPW Garage Misc. Contractual, A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual, A5130.2 Machinery, A5410.4 Sidewalks Contractual and A8560.4 Tree Maintenance in the General Fund. Salaried employees tentatively see a 2.75% raise in wages, part time hourly employees see a \$1.00 an hour increase due to NYS minimum wage increases continuing through 2023. The tentative General Fund budget stands at \$360,000 a decrease from \$375,645 FY 2021-2022. The proposed numbers stood in the Water Fund for total expenditures of \$84,669 a slight increase from FY 2021-2022 of \$83,866. The proposed numbers stood for the Revenue line items, as well. The proposed FY 2022-2023 revenues of \$167,778 are an increase from FY 2021-2022 of \$135,975.

A brief discussion ensued about the decrease in taxable levy of 19,617,500 from FY 2021-2022 taxable levy of 19,638,360. Trustee Davis stated even though keeping the tax rate the same as FY 2021-2022 would decrease the taxes received, the Village should not change the tax rate. Mayor Nellist was in agreement, as well as all other members of the Board.

A **motion for adjournment was made at 7:44pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

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

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2022 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall



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

In Attendance: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, Attorney Dan Seaman, David Quiett, Neal Gordon, Kathie Smith, Lisa Thompson. Attorney Seaman arrived at 7:15pm. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley arrived 7:18pm.

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

The Sales tax received for February 2022 was \$14,213.96 an increase of \$3,956.51 from February 2021.

The Approval of Minutes for the monthly board meeting held February 14, 2022 was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

A motion to approve the appointment of Ruth Dent as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer part time at a rate of \$13.50 per hour was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Gow.

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

Resolution #3-2022 Authorizing the Official M&T Bank signers

WHEREAS, The Village of Baker has designated M&T Bank as the official depository of all money received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer on April 1, 2021 by Resolution #22-2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: That following are authorized signers to all Village accounts at M&T Bank

Mayor- Aaron Nellist
Clerk-Treasurer- Amanda M. Detschner
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer- Ruth Dent

Section 2: That this resolution shall take effect on March 14, 2022

A motion to ADOPT Resolution #3-2022 was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

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

A motion to set a public hearing date and time for FY 2022-2023 Budget for April 4, 2022 at 6:00pm was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

Trustee Davis introduction of LL#2-2022

A Local Law Allowing for the Harboring of Hen Chickens within the Village of Barker

The purpose of this Local Law is to eliminate the outright prohibition of ownership and harboring of hen chickens within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Barker, and to allow for such harboring through a permitting process. This Local Law is designed to protect the rural residential character of the Village, as well as reduce an overly burdensome restriction on Village residents' property rights.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barker as follows:
Chapter 81, Article II of the Code of the Village of Barker is hereby amended to include the following:

§ 81-9.1. Permitting of hen chickens.

- A. Any person, firm or corporation may harbor, keep, raise or maintain a maximum of six hen chickens within the limits of the Village of Barker by obtaining a chicken harboring permit.
- B. Applicants for a chicken harboring permit must demonstrate adequate shelter and fencing for chickens to be harbored in accordance with the standards listed below:
 - i. Chicken coops shall be located in the rear yard, a minimum of 80 feet from any dwelling and set back a minimum of 10 feet from any lot line. Coops shall be no larger than 20 square feet in size.
 - ii. Chicken runs shall be attached to a chicken coop, located in the rear yard. Chicken runs shall be located a minimum of 80

- iii. Chickens' quarters shall be constructed of suitable construction materials consisting of wood frame shelters.
- iv. Fencing and/or other restraint systems shall be sufficient to confine chickens to the coop and run.

A discussion **ensued about allowing or disallowing the use of heat lamps for the chickens**. It was thought incandescent heat lamps would be a fire hazard. It should be added to the local law that heat lamps shouldn't be allowed. Ceramic heat lamps would be allowed, as well as warming blankets.

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

- ✓ Any unpaid water accounts as of April 1, 2022 will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection June. Final notices were mailed to each unpaid account on February 18, 2022
- ✓ Please begin to think about the Spring newsletter and any articles that you would like to submit. This newsletter has to be kept to 4 pages because of the annual drinking water quality report, target date is April 15th
- ✓ Village Election will be held, March 15th from Noon until 9:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall

Code Enforcement Report-No Report Submitted

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

A motion to approve the above budget transfers was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley Motioned carried.

Attorney Seaman arrived at this point (7:15pm) and Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley arrived at 7:18pm.

Public Comment was offered:

Kathie Smith: As President of the Barker Library Board, she expressed that the Library meeting that was supposed meet on 3/14 had been moved to 3/21 due to quorum issues. Mrs. Smith also inquired about the lease agreement between the Village and the Library. Attorney Seaman stated he sent over a draft lease to the Village Board, a copy of one was given to President Smith. The draft lease is a working document that will be revised before final approval by both entities.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Gow: stated the concern about the road condition on West Somerset Road had been passed onto NC DPW Dean Lapp for remediation.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: apologized for her tardiness today.

A motion to enter into **executive session to confer with legal counsel was made at 7:25pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley. Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent were invited to stay for the executive session by the Board of Trustees.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motioned carried.

Those Present for Executive Session: Mayor Nellist, Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley, Trustee Davis, Trustee Gow, Trustee Hirschman, Dan Seaman, Amanda Detschner, Ruth Dent.

A motion **to adjourn executive session at 7:49pm** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motioned carried.

A **budget session meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022 at 7:00pm** at the Village Hall.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 7:52pm by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.**

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motioned carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Annual Organizational Meeting held Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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