

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



May 9, 2022 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley
Trustee Aaron Davis
Trustee Melanie Hirschman
Trustee David Quiett

Attendance: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, Neal Gordon, Kathie Smith, Lisa Thompson

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

The **Sales tax** received for April 2022 was \$18,319.97 an increase of \$3,440.45 from April 2021.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the *monthly board meeting held April 4, 2022*, and the *special meeting held May 2, 2022*, was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Hirschman, Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Tax Warrant- A motion to Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to collect taxable levy of \$151,054.75, plus \$16,659.83 in unpaid water rents for a total of \$167,659.83 was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Quiett. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Hirschman, Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Notice of the 2022 taxes levied shall be published in the Union Sun & Journal once per week for two consecutive weeks.

Accountant Services- The Village was notified on April 26, 2022, that Pat Brown of Brown & Associates was unable to continue accountant services for the upcoming Annual Update Document (AUD) 2022. A list of other accounting firms was sent by Pat Brown, after research and phone calls to other Villages for references I reached out to 4 accounting firms for quotes for upcoming services:

Bonadio Group- Randall Shepard- quote \$4,000
Tronconi, Segarra & Associates- Andrew Toth- quote \$1,500- 2,000
Drescher Malecki- verbal quote \$4,000 or higher
EFPR Group-No response

A **motion to hire Tronconi, Segarra & Associates** for accounting services moving forward was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

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

- The Village received their fiscal stress score from the Office of the State Comptroller for year 2021
Fiscal Stress Score was 3.3=No Designation
Environmental Stress Score was 26.7=No Designation
- Tax Bills will be mailed on May 30, 2022, and are due between June 1st and June 30th without penalty

A motion **to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to make necessary budget transfers to close out the FY 2021-2022 books** was made by Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Trustee Davis.

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

The budget transfers made will be presented at the following board meeting for approval.

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

A discussion ensued about the "Corn Fest" coming back to the Village through the help of volunteers. There would be vendors, food, games, maybe one ride if donations could be provided to cover the cost, and possibly a broom ball tournament. Other events could be a 5k family run and/or costume contest. A portion of Main Street may need to be blocked off. The Lion's Club is interested in helping and possibly Boy/Girl Scout troops. Mayor Nellist stated event insurance would be needed for use of the park.

A motion **to tentatively allow permission for the David Barker Park to be used August 13, 2022, for the "Corn fest"** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

A discussion about the railroad ties that were dug up during the footer work at the new Village Hall/Library building. Most are in poor condition, but several are okay. A decision needs to be made if they will be used and where to put them or get rid of them completely.

Mark Remington gave a brief update on the building of the new Village Hall/Library building. Things should progress rapidly now that the wall and footers are in. Possibly next week for the wall installation.

Mayor Nellist spoke that the lease agreement with the Library is close to be finalized. With a few minor changes the agreement should be ready to approve shortly, the attorney did state the Village could approve it pending attorney approval. In a good faith effort that motion followed.

A ***motion to tentatively approve the lease agreement with Barker Public Library, pending attorney approval*** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

A ***motion to allow repair to 2015 Chevy Pickup Truck through Car Star Collision*** out of budgeted appropriations was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

A ***motion to allow the purchase of UBSync Tablet Meter Read software through UB Max at an annual fee of \$260*** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

The **Code Enforcement Report** was not submitted.

1 permit issued: a fence

3 outstanding violations pending appearance tickets for May 26, 2022, Town of Somerset court

Correspondence: NYS OSC Fiscal Stress Report
Tompkins Bank of Castile- system updates
USDA-pest alert-Box Tree Moth
USDA-pest alert-European Cherry Fruit Fly
NYS DOT CHIPS-CHIPS \$23,822.50, PAVENY \$6,319.26, ERW \$5,10056 TOTAL \$35,242.02
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 012 Voucher #'s 387-432 H3-Voucher#'s 53
General Fund-\$23,462.69 Water Fund-\$3,135.31 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 H3 Fund-\$5,355.00
TOTAL \$33,353.00

A **motion to approve the above audited claims by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

Budget Transfers: A1010.4 Board-Contractual \$5.00 to A1325.42 Clerk-Contractual
A1010.4 Board-Contractual \$60.00 to A1325.43 Clerk-Training
A1410.4 Dep. CT Contractual \$150.00 To A1325.41 Clerk Telephone
A3120.47 Police-Building Maintenance \$680.00 To A1325.42 Clerk-Supplies
A1910.4 Insurance \$250.00 to A1620.42 Village Hall-Heat
A1640.45 DPW Garage-Misc. \$2,000.00 to A1640.43 DPW Vehicle Maintenance
A3120.42 Police-Gasoline \$800.00 to A5182.4 Street Lighting Contractual

A **motion to approve the above budget transfers** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

Public Comment was offered by:
Kathie Smith: Inquired about future phases of the new build and stated the library’s attorney felt the internet should be separate utilities.

Board Comment was offered by:
Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: inquired about the leaky roof at the Village Hall. Mark found a small hole and patched it.
Trustee Quiett: Inquired about the sign at the end of the driveway that states “Village Hall/Police Station”. Should Police Station be removed? All the other signs have been taken down, but that one is all one sign. Mark will figure out how to remove it or alter it, so it only reads Village Hall.
Trustee Davis: Stated he looked for wasp nest in the attic of the Village Hall, was unable to find any new or active ones. Asked Mark to fix a board on the back of the building that was prying away from the building. Trustee Davis also stated that he would like to move forward with a vote on Local Law #2-2022: allowing the harboring of hen chickens in the Village. Mayor Nellist stated he didn’t think it would be prudent to vote tonight, should continue to table the vote until the June 13, 2022, meeting. Trustee Davis stated that the issue was tabled at the last meeting and should be voted on at the next consecutive meeting which was this evening’s meeting. Trustee Davis stated it matters that chickens could be allowed in the Village. They are okay in the Town and should be allowed in the Village. Trustee Davis stated that all five boroughs in NYC allow chickens. Trustee Davis also stated you don’t have to get permission to have an outdoor or indoor cat, there’s no rules for barking dogs, so chickens should be allowable. In response, Mayor Nellist stated there are ordinances in place for barking dogs and other noise violations. Mayor Nellist also stated that he thought more people would have been in attendance tonight if they thought a vote was taking place on the local law. Deputy Mayor Corwin Bradley stated she would like to vote after more information was collected on how the constituents felt about the issue. Trustee Davis stated that there will always be complaints against it. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated as an elected official she must put her personal feelings aside and vote how the public have voiced their opinions, and for this she needs more time to speak to the residents. The vote was tabled until the June 13, 2022, meeting.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 7:46pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

Next work session will be Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.
Respectfully Submitted, Amanda M. Detschner, CMC, RMC, CMFO, Clerk-Treasurer