



VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 3, 2022 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance**: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, Kathie Smith, Jacob Fries, Phyllis Hildebrant, Bryce Broeker, Lilly Monthony and Angelina Delgrolice. DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and Trustee Davis were absent from the meeting.

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

The **Sales tax** received for September 2022 was \$15,519.37 an increase of \$2,458.61 from September 2021.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held September 7, 2022 was motioned for approval by Trustee Quiett and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Nellist,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-Corwin-Bradley, Davis Motion Carried.

Rural Niagara Transportation from the NC Dept. of Public Works

The NC Dept. of Public Works emailed Mayor Nellist to inform him that a bus stop is planning to be placed in the Village in the proximity of Pallister Avenue and Main Street. The bus would run 5 times a day from 7:00am to 5:00pm and travel between Barker and Lockport. Mayor Nellist stated that its encouraging to see this rural transportation reaching out to our community.

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

- ✓ Fall 2022 newsletter will be ready to mail by October 17th, please submit any articles you wish to be included by Oct. 7th
- ✓ Water bills for 3rd QTR 2022 will be mailed on October 9th and will be due by November 10th, 2022 without penalty
- ✓ Any remaining unpaid property taxes as of October 31, 2022 will be re-levied onto the Town/County Tax Roll for collection in January 2023
- ✓ Village Hall will be CLOSED Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day, Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day and Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day
- ✓ I reached out to Paychex HRS 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

Mayor Nellist stated that he had read the reports submitted to the Board by the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer from NYCOM Fall Training School conference. Mayor Nellist stated that he appreciated how through they were, and a lot of valuable information was obtained to help our community.

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

- ✓ NYS Public health law: As of October 13, 2022 smoking and vaping of tobacco and cannabis are prohibited on playgrounds during daylight hours when children are present, and smoking is prohibited everywhere in parks all the time-see information from Tabacco Free Erie & Niagara
- ✓ NC Water District is raising the water rates beginning 2023 and ending 2027
 - January 1, 2023 \$0.10 Increase per 1,000 gallons =\$1.00/1,000 gallons
 - January 1, 2025 \$0.10 increase per 1,000 gallons=\$1.10/1,000 gallons
 - January 1, 2027 \$0.10 increase per 1,000 gallons=\$1.20/1,000 gallons

Mayor Nellist stated we will have to look at the water rates when FY 23-24 budget discussion begin to compensate for the County raising its' rates.

Superintendent Remington asked the Clerk-Treasurer to inform the Board that Barton & Loguidice is requesting a 2" water service be installed to the new village hall/library building, this is an additional cost because it wasn't done before construction of the building phase I. Mayor Nellist stated he would call Barton & Loguidice to clarify the necessity and see if the existing ¾" line is appropriate.

Trustee Hirschman stated the Main Street Park decorations for fall were beautiful and many people used them over the weekend for homecoming pictures. She thanked Mark for decorating.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

2 violations sent, 3 pending court remediation, 1 building permit issued

Correspondence:

Highmark Western New York-Health Insurance Renewal Notice for December 1, 2022
Punch List-Phase I Village Hall/Library Building-10/3/2022
Charter Communications-Franchise Agreement Renewal Notice-Expires July 25, 2025
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-September 23, 2022
Charter Communications-Upcoming Changes-September 20, 2022
Charter Communications-Programming Notification-September 30, 2022
Niagara County Sheriff's Office Annual Report-2021

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 005 Voucher #'s 127-161 H3 Voucher # 56
General Fund-\$11,504.06 Water Fund-\$3,613.65 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 H3-Fund-\$137,242.71
TOTAL \$153,760.42
A **motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees present** was made by Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Trustee Quiett.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Nellist,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-Corwin-Bradley, Davis
Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers: A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$60.00 to A6410.4 Publicity
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$2,000.00 to A1320.4 Accountant
A **motion to approve the above budget transfers** was made by Trustee Quiett and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Nellist,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-Corwin-Bradley, Davis
Motion Carried.

Resolution #28-2022 Relinquishing possession of Tasers to NC Sherriff's Department
WHEREAS, the Barker Police Department has been absolved and had equipment which included 2 tasers being held by the Niagara County Sherriff's department; and
WHEREAS, the Sherriff provides police protection to the Village of Barker;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, said tasers are hereby declared surplus equipment; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker Board of Trustees permanently turns over said tasers to the Sherriff's department.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #28-2022** was made by Trustee Quiett and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Nellist,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-Corwin-Bradley, Davis
Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:
Phyllis Hildebrant: Stated she's leaving soon and its' been a great summer. She inquired about the access road that was installed across from Crosby's, which is for a new emergency communications tower to aid in the communications for first responders. "These investments in critical infrastructure, as well as vital interoperable communication equipment, has allowed NC to improve signal coverage within public buildings while connecting national interoperable emergency radio channels."(2021 NC Sherriff's Annual Report) Phyllis also inquired about the membership of the Barker Fire Hall. Mayor Nellist stated there is an EMS shortage across the county and Barker is no exception, currently Olcott or Mercy Flight ambulance fills in if Barker is out of service.
Kathie Smith: Sent an email to the Mayor last week regarding the final layout of the new Village Hall/Library Building, the bathrooms and mechanical rooms are to code for new buildings with the classification as public/government building. Phase II bids will be opened 10/4/2022 at 2:00pm at the Village Hall, 1697 East Avenue, Barker. Therefore a special meeting will most likely be held to approve the bid later this month.

Board Comment was offered by:
Trustee Hirschman: Stated she talked to Titan Development about another option for a swing set for the David Barker Park (Main Street), they have a used 4 bag swing set that could be purchased and installed by Titan for \$4,250. The footprint complies and its undetermined when they will be installed. Extra swings will be ordered to have them on hand in the event of damage or vandalism. All Board members present were acceptable to this option and agreed to move forward with the refurbished option by Titan Development.

A **motion for adjournment was made at 7:33pm** by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Nellist,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-Corwin-Bradley, Davis
Motion Carried.

Next work session will be Monday, November 7, 2022 @ 6:00PM, Barker Fire Department
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 7:00pm, Barker Fire Department

Respectfully Submitted,

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