

# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



September 7, 2022 7:00PM  
@ Barker Fire Hall Pavilion

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

In **Attendance:** Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, Dan Seman, Neal Gordon, Jessica Monaco. DPW Superintendent Mark Remington was absent.

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

The **Sales tax** received for August 2022 was \$15,624.13 an increase of \$2,569.29 over August 2021.

A motion to **approve the Minutes for the monthly board meeting held August 8, 2022 and the Special meeting held August 25, 2022** was made by Deputy 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.

### **Resolution #26-2022**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BIDS VILLAGE MUNICIPAL & BARKER PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING-PHASE II**

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker and Barker Public Library has bid and substantially completed Phase I of the Village Municipal & Barker Public Library Building; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker Board of Trustees authorizes the bidding of Phase II of the Village Municipal & Barker Public Library Building containing general construction, mechanical construction, plumbing construction and electrical construction designed by Barton & Loguidice

A brief overview of the bid proposal was given by Attorney Daniel Seaman. A couple changes were suggested by counsel and communicated to Barton & Loguidice. The bid specs were recommended for approval by counsel.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #26-2022** 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 **establish Trick or Treat Hours for Monday, October 31, 2022 for 5:00-7:00pm** was made 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.

**A discussion regarding adding 2 bay swing set to the current David Barker Park playground ensued.** Trustee Hirschman brought 2 quotes to the Board for a 2 bay swing set with strap seats and/or toddler seats. The two quotes received were from Gametime with Titan Development installing was \$12,557.22 and the quote from Miracle Recreation Equipment with installation was \$5,017.15. The consensus was that adding swings was a positive addition to the park. Mayor Nellist stated he liked the two bay set because more children could swing at one time, but more information would have to be gathered to determine the space requirements and what particular set would work in the space. A third quote will be obtained to satisfy the procurement policy requirement of purchases between \$5,000 and \$20,000. It was the consensus of the Board that they would like to move forward with the addition of the two bay swing set using ARPA monies.

A **motion to approve the purchase of a new two bay swing set not to exceed \$12,557.12** pending decision regarding the footprint 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.

### **Resolution #27-2022**

#### **MODIFYING THE BUDGET TO ALLOCATE ARPA MONEY TO PARK CONTRACTUAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SWING SET FOR DAVID BARKER PARK**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees previously approved the FY 2022-2023 Budget on April 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in the amount of \$51,999.83; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board would like to transfer no more than \$12,557.22 to A7110.43 Parks-Miscellaneous to purchase a two bay swing set for David Barker Park, Main Street;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker Board of Trustees approves the budget modification to appropriate ARPA monies to A7110.43 Parks-Miscellaneous effective immediately.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #27-2022** was made 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.

**A discussion regarding purchasing a PA system for use in the Village Gazebo, Festivals and/or ceremonies was brought to the Board by Trustee Hirschman.** Several different options were discussed, as well as quotes for different size systems with varying levels of sophistication. They ranged in price from \$400.00 to \$15,000. After a lengthy

discussion Mayor Nellist stated he has a two speaker system with stands and microphones that can be used to see if that is sufficient for the Village’s needs. The main details of importance was that it is portable, sounds good and isn’t too costly. After a trial run of the Mayor’s equipment and possibly others, another discussion will be had as to the needs and what system is appropriate. Trustee Davis suggested using money from A1010.4 Board of Trustees Contractual to purchase the sound system since no members are attending NYCOM Fall Training School.

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

- ✓ Village Tax collection remains open until October 31, 2022 with September penalty being 7% and October penalty at 8%. Unpaid tax notices have been mailed to property owners September 6, 2022.
- ✓ Fall Newsletter input would be greatly appreciated by September 30, 2022. Target mailing date is October 15
- ✓ The Village Hall office will be closed September 12-16, 2022 so the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer can attend NYCOM Fall Training School

Clerk-Treasurer Detschner gave a brief update on the Street Lighting Asset purchase from National Grid. All the documents have been submitted to National Grids legal team for review and we are awaiting word if all the documents are in order to close. The surety bond is up for renewal and has been included in the claims for this month.

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

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.  
4 permits issued- permanent pergola, 2 fences & roof

**Correspondence:** Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-August 15, 2022  
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-Sept. 1, 2022  
NYMIR Annual Report-2021  
Pipeline Safety Resource Pamphlet for Public Officials  
NC Gallonage Report

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 004 Voucher #'s 94-126  
General Fund-\$9,865.62 Water Fund-\$550.71 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$11,816.33  
A **motion to approve the above audited claims and bill payment by the entire Board of Trustees** 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.

**Public Comment** was offered by:  
Ruth Dent: Presented a commemorative book about the Corn Festival to the Barker Public Library. Jessica Monaco accepted the donation.  
Jessica Monaco: Inquired about grants regarding helping homeowners with lead water services to their homes replace them. There are 3 homes in the Village that have this still, possibly only two. These homes are subject to lead testing every couple years through Niagara County. She stated they don’t drink the tap water because of this and they would like to get them replaced. Inquires will be made to see if there are programs available.

**Board Comment** was offered:  
Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated she would like to bring back “Light Up Barker” and keep it a Village event. We have the celebrations budget of \$500 and Niagara County Legislator Shawn Fotti offered a \$500 grant from his budget to help with the cost. It will be on December 17, 2022 from 5-9pm or 5-8pm. It will consist of Santa Claus, possibly wagon rides, caroling, a couple food vendors for hot chocolate/coffee and maybe food, bonfire, smores, cookie decorating, possibly ornament decorating and the tree lighting. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley would also like the Village to put out Fall decorations on the Gazebo, bales of hay, mums and corn stalks.  
Trustee Hirschman: Stated she will reach out to Jeff Scott about the bell choir in Newfane performing at Light Up Barker  
Trustee Davis: Stated he would like the sidewalk repairs (spot repair) budgeted for be done by the end of the fiscal year. Mayor Nellist stated he wants to move forward with setting up the sidewalk program of sharing the cost of the repair with the homeowner.

A **motion for Adjournment was made at 7:52pm** 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.

**Next work session will be the Regular Board Meeting due to the Columbus Day Holiday.**  
**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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