



VILLAGE OF BARKER BUDGET SESSION MINUTES

February 27, 2023
6:00pm @Village Hall

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington. All 5 members of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was **opened at 6:06pm** by Mayor Nellist administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nellist began by updating the Board on a meeting with Barton & Loguidice on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 regarding the HVAC issues with the phase 2 bid specs. Mayor Nellist stated it was a productive meeting with good conversation, which was encouraging. B&L was correct on the building code of the HVAC system and the Village must comply. The proposed boiler heating system would create a more comfortable environment, but a roof top unit mounted on the ground would heat the space but have pockets that are more comfortable than others. To see the largest cost savings, air conditioning must be removed. Dan Seaman suggested that the bid be released with heating & cooling and with an alternative bid of heat only ground mounted roof top, natural gas units. The electric service proposed (3 phase) depends on which route is chosen to either heat/cool or just heat the building. The Board agreed to invite the library board to the work session meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.

FY 2023-2024 budget

Budget discussion began at 6:24pm.

Mayor Nellist reviewed the tax rate chart showing a smaller taxable levy than last year. If the tax rate remains the same then the village will lose \$1240.46 in tax revenue.

All Personal Service lines were discussed during the budget session meeting. Beginning with A1010.1 Board of Trustees PS, discussion ensued about increasing the wages for the Board members. The last time an increase was seen was 2014/2015. After deliberation an \$100 increase was added to the deputy mayor and trustees. The mayor personal service will remain at \$2,700. DPW Superintendent wages were discussed next. After careful deliberation from all members of the Board raising factors of appropriate percentage, experience, pay comparison and duties a percentage of 10% was decided tentatively. The DPW laborer pay was discussed next. Increasing the pay rate to \$17.50 per hour. The Clerk-Treasurer salary was discussed after the DPW laborers wages. A lengthy discussion ensued about proposed wage increase requested. Many factors were discussed including tenure, salary comparison, duties and training needed to effectively do the job of Clerk-Treasurer. Tentatively a \$7,000 increase was decided upon. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position wages were raised to \$16.50 per hour. Lastly the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer were discussed.

Trustee Davis stated he would like the street lighting expenditure line reduced.

Updated figures will be distributed before the work session meeting 3/6/2023.

A motion to **adjourn the budget session was made at 7:31pm** 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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