



VILLAGE OF BARKER
BUDGET SESSION MINUTES
March 13, 2023
6:00pm @ Barker Fire Hall

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

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

The **meeting was called to order at 6:12pm** by Mayor Nellist.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the revisions made at the March 6, 2023 budget meeting and left the expenditures in all funds the same, as well as the revenues and salary proposals.

Code	Fund	Appropriations	Less Estimated Revenues	Less Unexpended Fund Balance	Amount to be raised by Taxes
A	General	457,386.00	226,750.00	79,713.00	151,923.00
F	Water	87,735.00	87,000.00	735.00	0
Taxable Value	19,477,260				
Assessed Valuation	25,972,560				
Tax Rate	\$7.80/M				

The **budget meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm** on a motion from 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
Motioned Carried.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



March 13, 2023 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Neal Gordon, Pat Fuller

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

The **Sales tax** received for February 2023 was \$16,642.97 a \$2,429.01 increase from February 2022.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the Monthly Board meeting February 13, 2023
Budget meeting held February 21, 2023
Budget meeting held February 27, 2023

A **motion to approve the above minutes** was made by Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Deputy Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None
Motioned Carried.

Public Hearing Local Law #1-2023
The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02pm.

NOTICE OF DEFECT
SECTION 1. FINDINGS .

Where claims for bodily injury or damage to property are asserted against the Village of Barker arising out of alleged defective conditions of property owned by or in the care, custody or control of the Village, adequate notice to the Village of any such conditions, if found to exist, is necessary. Whether the Village has received actual or constructive notice of such alleged defective conditions is often a question of fact which can lead to uncertainty and possible unwarranted finding of liability against the Village. To assure that the Village received notice of an alleged defective condition and is able to respond in a prompt and reasonable manner, the Village Board considers it important that such prior notice be in writing. It is the purpose of this chapter to require that notice of defective conditions of Village property be given to the Village by prior written notice actually received by the Village in order to provide for the safety, health, protection and general welfare of the persons and property of the Village of Barker.

SECTION 2. LIABILITY OF THE VILLAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS.

No civil action shall be maintained against the Village of Barker for damages or injuries to person or property sustained in consequence of any street, highway, bridge, culvert, sidewalk or crosswalk being defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed or for damages or injuries to person or property sustained solely in consequence of the existence of snow or ice upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, street, highway, bridge or culvert unless written notice of the defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition or of the existence of the snow or ice, relating to the particular place, was actually given to the Village Clerk and there was a failure or neglect within a reasonable time after the receipt of such notice to repair or remove the defect, danger or obstruction complained of, or to cause the snow or ice to be removed, or the place otherwise made reasonably safe.

SECTION 3.

No civil action shall be maintained against the Village of Barker for injuries to person or property sustained in consequences of any property owned or maintained by the Village of Barker being out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed unless written notice of the out of repair, defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition actually given to the Village Clerk, and there was a failure or neglect within a reasonable time after receipt of such notice to repair or remove the out of repair, defect, defective, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition after a reasonable time of such notice.

SECTION 4.

The Village Clerk shall maintain a separate record of any and all written notice which shall be received pursuant to the provisions of this law.

SECTION 5.

Electronic submissions, including email, social media or any other electronic means shall not constitute a valid prior written notice as required pursuant to the terms of this law.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any part or provision of this chapter, or the application thereof, to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this chapter, or application thereof to other persons or circumstances.

SECTION 7.

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the terms of Village Law 6-628, Municipal Home Rule Law including section 10(1)(i) thereof and New York State Constitution Article IX including the power to enact Local Laws relating to municipalities property.

SECTION 8. TERM.

This law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Mayor Nellist read aloud the above local law to the audience and stated that this local law is to limit liability by request of our insurance carrier. No public comment was offered.

The public hearing was closed at 7:04pm.

A motion to ADOPT Local Law #1-2023 Notice of Defect was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

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

A motion to set the public hearing date and time for FY 2023-2024 Budget for April 3, 2023 was made by Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

A motion to **approve the appointment of Laurel Cantella as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer at a rate of \$16.50/hour pending civil service approval** was made by Trustee Quiett and seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

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

- ✓ Any unpaid water accounts as of April 1, 2023 will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection June. Final notices were mailed to each unpaid account on February 17, 2023
- ✓ Please begin to think about the Spring newsletter and any articles that you would like to submit. This newsletter must be kept to 4 pages because of the annual drinking water quality report, target date is April 15 but will depend on when the ADWQR is received

Trustee Hirschman stated that she would like to organize a volunteer day to help older residents clean up their properties in the spring/summer. The idea was well received and will be in the spring newsletter.

- ✓ Village Election will be held March 21st from Noon until 9:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall

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

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
2 permits issued- a roof and a remodel

Correspondence: NC Gallonage Report
Mayor Nellist stated the usage was up for the same number of days and a close eye needs to be kept on the loss.

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 010 Voucher #'s 312-344
General Fund-\$12,171.35 Water Fund-\$439.13 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$14,010.48
A **motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees** 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 Motioned Carried.

Budget Transfer: A8160.4 Garbage Contract \$810.00 to A1640.41 DPW Gasoline
A motion to **approve the above budget transfer** was made by Trustee Quiett and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Pat Fuller: Inquired about the progress with the new Village Hall/Library building. Mayor Nellist stated the Village had a recent meeting with the Library to discuss requests versus needs in regards to the HVAC system. Barton & Loguidice is in the process of responding to our changes and will prepare the phase II bid documents with alternative bids in order to make an informed decision. Then the phase II bid will be released and depending on bids received, a decision will be made on which route to proceed with and then a contract will be signed accepting the bid to finish the building.

Neal Gordon: Stated to Mayor Nellist that he's done a fine job and thanked him for his service to the Village.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Quiett: Has been asked about what is going on at the old diner on Quaker Road, no one had any information to give.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Thanked Mayor Nellist for his leadership during his tenure and is be sad to see him leave the Board.

Trustee Hirschman: Titan Development is supposed to deliver the swing set for David Barker Park later this month.

Mayor Nellist: Stated he's had a great time working with everyone on the Board and it's important that government runs on smart decisions without letting politics get in the way. That is one reason local governments are vital and remain the voice of the people.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:26pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Annual Organizational meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

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