

# VILLAGE OF BARKER WORK SESSION MINUTES



March 6, 2023

6:00pm @Barker Fire Department

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, the following Barker Public Library Board members: Kathie Smith, Cindy Harris, Brian Carmer, Jessica Monaco, Ashley Grabowski and Director Lisa Thompson, and one participation in government student. Trustee Hirschman arrived at 6:06pm.

The **meeting was opened at 6:00pm** with the Pledge of Allegiance administered by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Nellist began by giving a brief overview of the meeting held with Barton & Loguidice on February 22, 2023. Mayor Nellist stated that the main objective is to come up with cost saving measures to get the project to a cost that the Village & Library can afford. Dave Cloy from DWC mechanical attended the meeting to help facilitate technical discussion of the HVAC system and ways that savings could be realized. The meeting was productive and the B&L team was receptive to our ideas. A decision on how to proceed with the Phase II bid specs need to be made before the bid can be released. Moving from the proposed boiler system to the ground mounted roof top units could yield a savings of approximately \$150,000 from the \$360,000 originally proposed. The main concern is that an annual budget for the Village is approximately \$320,000, so HVAC system this expensive would be burdensome to replace in the future. An extensive discussion ensued about alternatives to installing the AC now versus what would be needed to future. The library would like to have AC because it's a cooling place for many residents in the summertime. Bottom line is that both Boards would like to get the building finished and move into the new space. A consensus to revise the bid specs for phase II to include one natural gas ground mounted roof top heating only unit for the Village portion and one unit that has both heating/cooling for the library portion, along with an alternate bid of two natural gas ground mounted roof top units that are heat only for price comparison. This portion of the meeting ended at 6:38pm with the library members exiting the meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Mark Remington stated that the unsafe structure violation at 8736 Main Street was closed by the Town of Somerset court and has been sent back to the Village Board. Attorney Dan Seaman's opinion will be solicited to move forward with addressing this issue.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

No **Board Comment** was offered.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 6:44pm** 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 Motioned Carried.

Next meeting is the **Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00pm @ Barker Fire Hall**

## **Budget session FY 2023-2024 budget**

The **budget session began at 6:46pm** by discussing the overall general fund expenditures from the last budget meeting totaling \$512,986 with all items on wish list included such as sidewalk work, paving East Ave & Church Street, purchasing a new dump truck to replace 2013 dump truck, records management software and tax software. Historically the general fund expenditures average \$320,000. Several budget lines were adjusted to bring the general expenditures down to \$454,986.

A1460.4 Records Management from \$8000 to \$0  
A1640.43 DPW Vehicle Maintenance from \$6000 to \$5500  
A5130.2 DPW Machinery from \$72,000 to \$39000  
A5142.4 Snow Removal contractual from \$6000 to \$5500  
A5197.4 Highway Equipment Reserve from \$10000 to \$0  
A5410.4 Sidewalks contractual from \$35000 to \$30,000

The following revenue line was adjusted because of selling the dump at auction, A2665 Sale of Equipment from \$1000 to \$21000, bringing the overall revenue to \$223,750.

The budget session concluded at 7:38pm.

A budget session will be held before the Monthly Board Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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