

# VILLAGE OF BARKER WORK SESSION/BUDGET SESSION MINUTES



March 4, 2024  
6:00pm @Barker Fire Hall

Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley  
Deputy Mayor Aaron Davis  
Trustee Melanie Hirschman  
Trustee Val DiTommaso  
Trustee-Vacant

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Amy Dewart, Lamoy Warren, Tytus Wedekind, Luey Castro, Aiden Mescall, Blake Schwab, Albert Cimato, Zander Detschner

At **6:06pm** the meeting was opened by Mayor Corwin-Bradley administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

A meeting was held with Amy Dewart, Town/Village Historian regarding her recent appointment. The Village Board felt that having a discussion regarding the duties of the historian, future expectations and an increased salary would be beneficial for all parties. The budget line A7501.4 was increased to \$800.00 paid quarterly to Mrs. Dewart, since the salary had not been increased in nearly 20 years. The Village Board would like to have quarterly displays at the new VH/Library building and participation in our bi-annual newsletters sent to residents. Historian Dewart stated that her family has lived in Somerset/Barker for 8 generations and looks forward to learning the duties/responsibilities to serve the Town and Village.

Historian Dewert left the meeting at 6:12pm.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the proposed American Legion Resolution & Agreement allowing Village employees/officials to help with hometown hero banners. The Board was agreeable the agreement will be placed on the agenda for the monthly board meeting held March 11, 2024.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated Legislator Foti reached out to her about community event funding allocated for the Village through his allocated funds. The Village will approximately receive \$2000.00 for community events such as the grand opening of the new VH/Library and Light Up Barker.

A **motion for adjournment was made at 6:18pm** by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,DiTommaso,Hirshman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm @ Barker Fire Hall**

## **Budget session for FY 2024-2025 budget**

The **budget session was called to order at 6:21pm** on a motion from Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,DiTommaso,Hirshman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Zander Detschner

After the last budget session held February 27, 2024 the appropriations fell as follows:

General Fund: \$587,817

Water Fund: \$101,258

General Fund appropriations were discussed to try bring down the overall balance:

A1325.44 Code Publishers was eliminated \$3000

A3310.4 Signs & Signals was eliminated \$2000, looking into traffic safety grant from NYS to update blinking traffic light or install lighted stop signs instead

A5110.4 Street Maintenance was changed to \$2500 from \$35000, CHIPS funds will be used to pave East Ave & Church Streets

A7501.4 Historian was increased to \$800 from \$200

ARPA (Federal Coronavirus) funds will be used to build a 16x20 pavilion in David Barker Park and purchase a 2024 Chevy 2500 pickup truck to replace the 2015 Chevy 2500.

Revenue account A2705 NC Legislature Grants was changed from \$1000 to \$2000.

The appropriations in the Water Fund were left as set on February 27, 2024.

A review of the tax rate chart was given and explained by Clerk-Treasurer Detschner. The Board entertained a discussion regarding an appropriate tax rate and a rate of \$7.90/M was settled on, which is a 10 cent increase from FY 2023-2024.

A **motion to adjourn the budget session was made at 7:18pm** by Deputy Mayor Davis and a second was offered by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,DiTommaso,Hirshman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Amadna M. Detschner, CMC/RMC/CMFO, Clerk-Treasurer