

The Work Session scheduled for Monday, December 2nd was cancelled due to the lack of items on the Agenda.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



December 14, 2015 7:00PM

Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Janice M. Rider
Trustee Gregory P. Kerth
Trustee Scott Matheis
Trustee Kimberly Ruffini-Absent

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Victoria Baker, Dale Howard and 3 participation in Government Students: James Bukowski, Haley Stansburg and Gabby Wosnock. Absent were Police Chief W. Ross Annable and Trustee Ruffini.

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

The **Sales tax** received for November was \$10,771.49 an increase of \$277.22 from November 2014.





The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting November 9, 2015 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Rider and seconded by Trustee Matheis. The following votes were cast:

Mayor Nellist- Aye
Deputy Mayor Rider- Aye
Trustee Kerth- Aye
Trustee Matheis- Aye
Trustee Ruffini- Absent

Motion Carried.

An **Update on Lighthouse Wind project was given by Mayor Nellist.** He stated that Dennis Vacco has been retained by the Town of Somerset as the council that will represent the Town's interest in the Lighthouse Wind Project and will try to obtain intervenor funding from the APEX Lighthouse wind project to fund this endeavor. John Riggi a SOS (Save Ontario Shores) representative spoke regarding a survey that will be sent out in Yates regarding the Lighthouse Wind project and expect similar results as the Town of Somerset's, about 80% Oppose and 20% in Favor. Mr. Riggi also spoke about various health effects of large wind turbines and an overview of the NYS Article X process and the leaders who passed the Article X law should be held accountable. Article X over rides home rule in these circumstances. Jim Simon addressed the crowd regarding APEX's way of doing business through secret meetings and across kitchen tables. Mr. Simon also stated that APEX has not signed the NYS code of ethics on wind. Dan Engert also addressed the attendees updating them on the Town of Somerset's Ad Hoc Committee that was formed to address the Town's Wind Law and make recommendations on how the law should be re-written. Mr. Engert also stated that a baseline study of current conditions, therefore measuring the differences the wind turbines would create. Mr. Engert also stated that an extension on the comment period for the Preliminary Scoping Statement from Lighthouse Wind Project only gives until January 6th, 2016 for comments to be submitted and is requesting that an extension until January 29th, 2016 be given because of the Holidays that take place during the current time period. The reoccurring theme from all the speakers was to make APEX start the process over again using specific data and accurate numbers so that the Town of Somerset and Yates knows what they are up against, until know no specifics have been released on the proposed project. The two main concerns are what effects will these wind turbines have on the Niagara Falls Air Base and the NYS DEC concerns about migratory bird patterns from the wind turbines.

The **Clerks Financial Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees, has been filed in the Clerk's Office.

-  The Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday & Thursday and Friday, December 31st & January 1st in observance of the New Year's Holiday
-  Election petitions can be released starting Tuesday, December 29th and are due between Tuesday, February 2nd and Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 by 5:00pm in order to be on the ballot
-  1924-1940 Minutes books have returned from being preserved.
-  East Avenue Water Main Extension Project has been closed and the remaining \$691.92 has been deposited into the Savings and Reserves

Resolution #29-2015 Monthly installment payment to NOS-WaterWorks

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barker hereby directs the Clerk-Treasurer to make monthly payments to the NOS-WaterWorks software company until the switch to UBMax software is complete. The motion was made to approve Resolution #29-2015 by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. The following votes were cast:

- Mayor Nellist- Aye
- Deputy Mayor Rider- Aye
- Trustee Kerth- Aye
- Trustee Matheis- Aye
- Trustee Ruffini- Absent

Resolution Adopted. Carried.

The NOS (Water Works) program annual software fee is in the voucher folder for \$627.00, the water software I demoed last year (much more user friendly, ability to email bills/work requests/resident log in) is on sale through January 15th for \$845.00 - 20% =\$676 for a one-time software purchase fee and then the annual fee would be \$370.00. A motion to purchase the new water software was made by Trustee Kerth and a second was offered by Trustee Matheis. The following votes were cast:

- Mayor Nellist- Aye
- Deputy Mayor Rider- Aye
- Trustee Kerth- Aye
- Trustee Matheis- Aye
- Trustee Ruffini- Absent

Motion Carried.

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees, has been filed with the Clerk. Mayor Nellist commented on how nice the Gazebo looks decorated for the Holidays and recognized the issue the Village has had with street signs being switched.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees, has been filed with the Clerk.
- 3 permits (2 renewals, 1 remodel), 8 orders to remedy violations sent to residents, 1 Cert. of Occupancy

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees, has been filed with the Clerk.

- Correspondence:**
- Time Warner Cable Programming Changes-November 18, 2015
 - Time Warner Cable Programming Changes-December 2, 2015
 - Time Warner Cable 2016 Programming Increases
 - Paychex email about new IRS pilot program, which adds a code to W-2 forms
 - Pipeline Safety information-dial 811 before you dig
 - NC Gallonage Report-November 2015
 - NYS Dept. of Public Service order form for Brochures
 - NC Treasurer’s Office-Mortgage Tax Distribution
 - BCBS Member Card Update Notice
 - Pamphlets from the Attorney General on Open Enrollment through the Marketplace
 - APEX Scoping Statement on Lighthouse Wind Project
 - Lighthouse Wind-APEX mailers-4

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 007 Voucher #'s 204-246
General Fund-\$14,713.64 Water Fund-\$10,414.02 T&A Fund-\$1,500.00 TOTAL \$26,627.66
A motion to approve claims and bill payment was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and seconded by Trustee Matheis. The following votes were cast:

- Mayor Nellist- Aye
- Deputy Mayor Rider- Aye
- Trustee Kerth- Aye
- Trustee Matheis- Aye
- Trustee Ruffini- Absent

Motion Carried.

Budget Transfer: F9010.8 State Retirement \$685.00 from F8320.4 Source of Supply-Contractual
A motion to approve the budget transfer was made by Trustee Matheis and a second was offered by Trustee Kerth. The following votes were cast:

- Mayor Nellist- Aye
- Deputy Mayor Rider- Aye
- Trustee Kerth- Aye
- Trustee Matheis- Aye
- Trustee Ruffini- Absent

Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Dale Howard: Stated the Mayor should have been introduced at the SOS meeting held at the Fire Hall regarding the APEX wind project. Mr. Howard also inquired about any actions that have taken place in regards to consolidating the Police Departments. He also commented on the way into the Village of Lyndonville they have a nice sign saying welcome to the Village of Lyndonville, Town of Yates and stated that it would be nice to see one in our Village in similar fashion.

Board Comment was offered by:

Mayor Nellist: Solicitors have been an issue in the Village lately, please keep your eye out and make sure your single elderly neighbors are okay. Also inquired as to when we begin budget session, which is late January or early February. Mayor Nellist also stated that revisions to the employee handbook should be made and we will be working on this along with budget.

Trustee Rider: Inquired about who purchased the Bank building. The answer is no one knows yet.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:46pm** by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. The following votes were cast:

Mayor Nellist- Aye
Deputy Mayor Rider- Aye
Trustee Kerth- Aye
Trustee Matheis- Aye
Trustee Ruffini- Absent

Motion Carried.

Next regularly scheduled work session will be January 4, 2015 @ 6:00pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 11, 2015 @ 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner
Clerk-Treasurer