

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES



June 8, 2015 7:00PM

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

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Police Chief W. Ross Annable, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Baker, Philip Bates, Phyllis Hildebrant, Dale Howard and the following Participation in Government Student Alexis Sonberg.

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

The **Sales tax** received for May 2015 was \$11,220.12 an increase of \$973.92 from May of 2014.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting on May 11, 2015 was motioned by Deputy Mayor Rider and seconded by Trustee Matheis. All voted aye to carry the motion.

Appointment of Planning Board Members with term ending in March 31, 2020.



Phyllis Hildebrant- 5 Year Term
Mark Wilson -5 Year Term

Deputy Mayor Rider motioned for approval of the Planning Board appointments, while Trustee Ruffini offered the second. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

The **Town of Somerset Highway Department Contract Approval** for the work performed in the Village by the Town at a rate of \$93.09/hour for Dump Truck services (Plus the cost of salt at state bid price (if needed)), \$50.26/hour for John Deere Loader, \$48.40/hour for Truck #9 with plow and wing, \$33.09/hour for the Case Roller and labor shall be charged at the Town rate for hourly employees used was motioned for approval by Trustee Kerth and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rider. All voted in favor to carry the motion.

The Board of Trustees discussed the request by **M&T Bank** about setting up a table in the next couple of weeks by the park or library, to give residents information about how to switch banks, not necessarily to M&T, but in general and answer questions. The Board was unanimously in favor of granting said request.

Clerks Report

-  Financial Report is unavailable until books have been closed through Williamson Law, I need to process Abstract 013 before I can officially close the books for FY 2014/2015 and give final numbers. I will email the detail of expenditures and Revenues when the report becomes available.
-  Bank Switch is about 99% complete. Online payments have been instituted as of June 1st. Check Reader has arrived, not functional yet, should be within the week. Once Credit Cards have been paid, they will be closed, which is the last tie we have to KeyBank.

The **Public Works Report** reviewed and accepted by the Board. Mayor Nellist commented on the roadway improvements, the landscaping in front of the Village Hall, the barrels on Main Street and the Park. Superintendent Mark Remington also discussed the leak at Mayor Brothers. After reading the pit in the early morning hours it has been determined that the leak is definitely on the Mayor Brothers property. Also, the lighting around the Gazebo in David Barker Park needs to have some lights repaired; to go with what we have now would be \$225.00 for new LED \$325. The Board expressed that LED was more cost effective and gave off more light, which makes it the better choice.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board. Expressed appreciation for details included in the reports, as well as asking property owners to begin clean up.

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board. Chief Annable stated that we will be down a couple of Officers this summer due to them finding other full time employment. Therefore, Chief Annable and Sergeant Piskorowski will be covering DWI hours, as well as our other part time officers. New Police Car should be on the road and fully functional by July 1st. The Barker PD is also applying for a \$1,000.00 grant from the Niagara County Sheriffs foundation for equipment to outfit the car with upgraded equipment due to the county's new program.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from Dan & Becky Connolly
Selective Notice of Policy Terms
Health Republic Premium Increase
Time Warner Cable Programming Changes-May 2015
Time Warner Cable Programming Changes-June 3, 2015
Public Hearing-Town of Somerset- May 27, 2015
KeyBank closing Barker Branch, moving accounts to Medina Branch
Niagara County Health Department-West Nile and Arthropod Disease Information
NYCOM letter regarding Tax Freeze
OSC 5 year Comparison
NC Gallonage Report
USDA Bond compliance paperwork
NC Health Department about Lockport Water problem
Town of Somerset about appointing a member to the Ad Hoc Committee regarding Windmill board

Mayor Aaron Nellist expressed that he had a resident reach out to him and ask to be appointed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on behalf of the Village. Therefore, Shawna Corwin Bradley will be appointed by Mayor Nellist.

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract- 013 (Fiscal Year 2014/2015 End) Voucher #'s 389-421
General Fund-\$166,578.82 Water Fund-\$29,153.89 T&A-\$1,000.00 TOTAL \$196,741.71

*Large amounts due to writing checks to transfer money to M&T Bank from KeyBank

A motion to approve claims and bill payment was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and a second was offered by Trustee Ruffini. A unanimous voted followed to carry the motion.

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract- 001 Voucher #'s 1-17

General Fund-\$5,865.93 Water Fund-\$28,775.64 T&A-\$0.00 TOTAL \$34,775.64

A motion to approve claims and bill payment was made by Trustee Ruffini and seconded by Trustee Kerth. All voted aye to carry the motion.

Budget Transfers:

A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$150.00 from A1325.43 C/T Training
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$800.00 from A1410.1 Dep/ C/T PS
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$200.00 from A1410.4 Dep. C/T Contractual
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$3,375.00 from A1420.4 Law Contractual
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$275.00 from A1910.4 Insurance
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$107.00 from A1950.4 Taxes on Property
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$102.00 from A5110.1 Laborer PS
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$2,880.00 from A7110.43 Parks Misc.
A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual \$375.00 from A8540.4 Drainage
A5130.2 Machinery \$7,700.00 from A1990.4 Contingency
A5130.2 Machinery \$1700.00 from A5110.1 Laborer PS
A9060.8 Medical Insurance \$500.00 from A8140.4 Storm Sewers
A9060.8 Medical Insurance \$300.00 from A9040.8 Workers Comp.
A9060.8 Medical Insurance \$425.00 from A9030.8 Social Security
A1620.42 Village Hall-Heat \$100.00 from A1325.4 C/T Contractual
F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual \$250.00 from F8340.12 T/D Laborer PS
F9060.8 Medical Insurance \$400.00 from F8340.12 T/D Laborer PS

A motion to approve the above budget transfers was made by Trustee Matheis and a second was offered by Deputy Mayor Rider. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Public Comment was offered by:

Dale Howard: Thanked the Village for the work performed to beautify Lake Park and the Police for protecting it. The only issue is with pet feces, can the Board pass a law? A sign to remind people to "Please pick up after their pets" is already provided, as well as bags for pick up.

Philip Bates: Inquired about water loss and how much the Village currently has, which led to discussion about the cost and where the leak is that will be repaired shortly. He also asked about the reason for the tax increase, which was explained. The police situation between the Village and the Town was also discussed, which he explained was unfair to "double dip" residents for Police coverage. This also led to a discussion.

Phyllis Hildebrant: Inquired about anyone else attending the Training in Albion on Wed., June 17 from 5:30-9:30pm.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Ruffini: will be unable to make the work session on July 6th.

Trustee Kerth: Expressed a need for different businesses to come to the Village to capitalize on the traffic that is drawn by the Brewery. He felt the Village should have more to offer if people wanted to explore while they are here visiting. Dale Howard explained that some college programs will come out and do a study and make recommendations to the Board free of charge.

A motion for **adjournment** was made at 7:52pm by Trustee Kerth and a second was offered by Trustee Matheis. All voted aye to carry the motion.

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

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 13, 2015 @ 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner
Clerk-Treasurer