

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



March 14, 2016 7:00PM

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

In **Attendance:** Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Baker and 7 Participation in Government Students: Mary Rounds, Maria Cabrera, Morgan Sherman, Jordan Styres, Brittany Bisher, Miranda Voelker, Justine Heitzenrater. Trustee Ruffini, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington and Police Chief W. Ross Annable were absent.

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

Sales tax received for February 2016 in the amount of \$10,973.73 a decrease of \$250.33 from 2015.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting February 8, 2016 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Rider and a second was offered by Trustee Kerth. All voted aye to carry the motion.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the Work Session/Budget Session February 22, 2016 was motioned for approval by Trustee Matheis and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the Budget Session March 2, 2016 was motioned for approval by Trustee Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Matheis. All voted favorably to carry the motion.

Mayor Nellist gave an update about the NC Health Care Consortium and provided a look at what the preliminary numbers looked like for the Village. We were compared to the Mid range health care plan, it is very similar to what we have right now, and the numbers look like:

BCBS 4th QTR 2015-\$1,032.72 (2 person)

BCBS 4th QTR 2015-\$1,471.63 (family)

Preliminary NC Consortium- \$1,332.00 (2 person, employee + children, family)

*****Totaling for a \$1,914.84 increase**

The numbers that were presented at the meeting were incorrect and were as follows:

BCBS 4th QTR 2015-\$1,032.72 (2 person)

BCBS 4th QTR 2015-\$1,471.63 (family)

Preliminary NC Consortium- \$1,132.00 (2 person, employee + children, family)

*****Totaling for a \$2,885.16 decrease**

Approval for moving ahead with the Niagara County Healthcare Consortium as long as no costs are incurred by the Village, a motion was made by Trustee Kerth and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rider. All voted in favor to carry the motion.

A motion to appoint **Mayor Aaron Nellist to the Board of Directors of the Niagara County Health Care Consortium** was made by Trustee Matheis and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rider. All voted aye to carry the motion.

Discussion of proposed revised **Peddling, Hawking and Soliciting Law** took place looking at a law shared by our legal counsel. Collectively it lacked certain times that soliciting may take place, the Board felt that 9:00am-7:00pm was agreeable. Legal counsel will be notified and revisions made. A **motion to move forward with the proposed law** was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Matheis. All voted aye to carry the motion.

The **Public Hearing date for the FY 2016-2017 Budget** was set for April 4th at 7:00pm (Organizational Meeting).

A discussion of the current tax rate of \$7.25/M would be a decrease in tax revenue and by raising it to \$7.30/M it increases tax revenue by \$668.00. A motion to set the **Tax Rate for FY 2016-2017 at \$7.30/thousand** was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

The **Village Election** will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2016 from Noon until 9:00pm in the Village Hall Board Room.

The **Town of Somerset has a new Assessor, Brian Hess**. His office hours are on Wednesdays from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

The **Clerks Financial Reports** were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees. Filed with the Clerk.

- Letters explaining new water program and options will be mailed out to all residents March 28th

- April water bills will be mailed April 8th and due May 10th
- Lawyer interpretation that the 15 cent fee for ACH payments must be paid by the resident and not the Village
- Spring newsletter will be mailed out mid-April and will include the Annual Drinking water Quality Report-2015

Cornell Local Roads Program is offering a training on legal responsibilities of the operations and management of highway departments in NYS the cost is \$50/person and will include topics of determining ROW of a highway or street, difference between discontinuing and abandoning a highway, how a T/V/C/C may establish a highway, process of removing dedicated obstructions from highways and the authority to establish, alter, widen or discontinue Village street resides. Mark and myself would like to attend March 29, 2016 8:30 am to 3:00pm in Warsaw. A motion to allow **Mark Remington and Amanda Detschner to attend this training** was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and a second was offered by Trustee Matheis. All voted aye to carry the motion.

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

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees. Filed with the Clerk.
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The **Police Report** was not available for the Meeting due to the Chief's Illness.

Correspondence:

- Floral sales and Classes-Niagara Floral Center & Opportunities Unlimited Brochure
- Tree Worker Safety Brochure
- Time Warner Cable Franchise Payment Breakdown
- NYCOM Annual Membership dues letter
- Amato, Fox & Company Stating they can assist in GASB 68 implementation
- USDA Rural Development newsletter
- Selective Insurance letter regarding walk through and recommendations
- 2015 Fiscal Stress Report from NYS Comptroller-16.3% No Designation
- NC Sales Tax Distribution Formula
- Lighthouse Wind News mailer
- League of Women Voters newsletter
- NC Department of Health-March 11, 2016 @ 8:30am Smoke Free Housing Conference
- NC Dept of Health, Environmental Health Division Letter explaining Public Water requirements
- M&T Bank updated terms letter
- Seaman & Norris LLP-Local Law amending Code of the Town of Somerset Chapter 205 Zoning
- Notice of adoption of Local Law Town of Somerset- Chapter 205-2
- Notice of Lead Agency-Town of Somerset Planning Board-MET Towers-Lighthouse Wind
- NC Gallonage Report-February 2016
- Williamson Law a 10% increase in support fees for FY 2016/2017
- Time Warner Cable-Programming Changes-February 17, 2016
- Time Warner Cable-Programming Changes-March 2, 2016
- ISO Letter about upcoming paperwork and visit
- Cornell Local Roads program brochure
- Employer Forum NYS Local Retirement System
- United Way Annual meeting and awards breakfast invitation
- The Evans Agency-Insurance offered

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstracts 010 Voucher #'s 311-346
General Fund-\$9,962.71 Water Fund-\$858.51 T&A-\$1,000.00 TOTAL \$11,785.22
A motion to **approve the claims and bill payment** was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Matheis. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Mayor Nellist: Everyone on the Board needs to be fully aware that the proposed FY 2016/2017 budget goes against our own Fund Balance Policy. According to the policy, the least amount of fund balance should be \$69,000. With the proposed budget, only \$29,000 will remain. After this year there is things that can be addressed to facilitate savings.

Trustee Matheis: Inquired about where the contract stands with the Brewery for the East Avenue property. A signed contract was executed on March 2, 2016. Also, about what would the Village do with the millings from Main Street if it is completed. A brief discussion followed and a suggestion was made to spread them over at East Avenue Extension.

Trustee Kerth: Inquired about when will the contract will close and about who would pay for the NYCOM webinar classes that are offered for \$15.00/class. The Village would reimburse or pay for the classes.

A motion for **Adjournment** came at 7:32pm from Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. All voted aye to carry the motion.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Organizational Meeting on Monday, April 4th, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda M. Detschner, Clerk-Treasurer