

# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2016 7:00PM



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

In **Attendance:** Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Baker, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington and 11 Participation in Government students.

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

The **Sales tax** received for September 2016 in the amount of \$10,520.05 a decrease of \$460.89 from 2015. A total decrease for year to date 2016 of \$3,709.56

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held September 7, 2016 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Matheis.

The **Board established "Trick or Treat" Hours for Halloween** to be Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. A short discussion ensued about lengthening the time by one hour. A motion to set "Trick or Treat" hours from 5:00-7:00pm was made by Trustee Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Matheis. The following votes were cast:

Mayor Nellist- NAY  
Deputy Mayor Rider- AYE  
Trustee Ruffini-AYE  
Trustee Matheis-AYE  
Trustee Kerth- AYE

Motioned Carried.

The approval of **Health Insurance Coverage renewal** through Blue Cross and Blue Shield due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. 2015 (this year) - EE + Spouse \$877.81 Family \$1,471.63  
2016 (next year) - EE + Spouse \$893.46 Family \$1,497.85 A \$41.87 increase per month= \$502.44 for the year  
A motion to approve the renewal of the current Health Insurance Coverage through Blue Cross and Blue Shield through November 2017 was made by Trustee Ruffini and a second was offered by Trustee Kerth. All voted in favor to carry the motion.

The **Clerks Report Financial Reports** were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- ✍ Any remaining unpaid Village taxes as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 will be turned over to Niagara County for collection in January on the County/Town tax bill
- ✍ The Fall newsletter will be mailed October 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, the deadline for input is October 5<sup>th</sup>
- ✍ The Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer have submitted synopsis of the classes taken at NYCOM Fall Training School
- ✍ Received an email today from Dawn Timm, Director Niagara County Division of Environmental/Solid Waste, about the recycle coach app that was introduced to all the municipalities in NC. The overall quote so far is between \$11,200 and \$19,500, with the county willing to contribute a portion (\$5,500). This mean it could cost us between \$300 and \$400 annually. A lengthy discussion ensued about the pros and cons, the functions of the app and if a need would be filled for our residents. The Board came to the consensus that the Village would not be participating in the Recycling Coach app project. Notification will be sent to Dawn Timm.
- ✍ The Village is now signed up with the Imagine-It recycling program. This program will give the Village revenue for the recycling printing products, tables and old cell phones.

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

- ✍ Quote from Faery's Landscaping on what to do with trees in the Main Street park
  - 1-Red Sunset Maple, 2-1/2" on west side by copper monument
  - 1-Red Sunset Maple, 2-1/2" between existing maples by Gazebo
  - 2-Flowering Crabapple, 1-1/2" on north side of spruce trees by play set/library\$1,825.00

A discussion ensued about the need to do landscaping in the Main Street Park; a couple more quotes will be secured before the November meeting. The Board was in agreement that this is a project that they would like to get done in the near future.

- ✍ 1707 East Avenue was dug to see if any leaks were uncovered, no leaks at the main or curb box. Homeowner found leak in service and repairs have been made
- ✍ Water Loss for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July-September 2016) was 62,000 gallons, which equals 2%

✍ Top soil purchased was to repair the lawn at the Lake Park and the roadsides of Pallister and Church where trees were taken down and stumps were ground.

**Code Enforcement Report:** No report submitted

1 Permit- a roof and multiple inspections done at 8690 Coleman Road for remodel, 8702 High Street addition

**Police Report:** No report submitted

✍ Moving back to East Avenue has begun

**Correspondence:**

Health Insurance Renewal paperwork  
General Code Information about eCode 360  
NYS OSC State Aid Payment Deposit- AIM \$3,723.00  
NYS OSC State Aid Payment Deposit-Revenue Sharing \$569.00  
One Region Forward -clean energy technical assistance program- October 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-Noon & 5-7pm  
Orchard Park Municipal Building  
Niagara County Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc. soliciting advertisements  
NC Mutual Self Insurance Plan 2017 Renewal Invoice  
Charter Communications- Programming Changes- September 21, 2016  
Town of Somerset Zoning Board of Appeals-October 11, 2016 @ 7:30pm  
NC Gallonage Report  
Barker Central School-Homecoming parade at 5:30pm on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 005 Voucher #'s 127-161

General Fund-\$10,063.46 Water Fund-\$929.60 T&A-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$12,393.06

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

**Public Comment** was offered by:

Mark Remington: Inquired about adopting a 5 ton weight limit on Main Street and explained that he already had signs made that state "NO Truck Traffic on Main Street". The Board was in agreement that a weight restriction does need to be instituted and will probably be done at next month's meeting utilizing a formal resolution.

\*A student from the participation in government class asked when Main Street will be fixed. Mayor Nellist responded by explaining the process of shared services, why the Village choose to utilize shared services and why it's taking so long.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Ruffini stated that she will be unable to make the work session scheduled for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Nellist stated that another application has been handed in for the DPW Laborer position. Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner explained that several applications were handed out last week. Mayor Nellist decided that he will probably hold off until more applications to come in. Wednesday's work session will focus on Police matters instead of the employee handbook.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:47pm** by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Matheis. All voted aye to carry the motion.

**Work Session scheduled Wednesday, October 5, 2016 @ 6:00pm.**

**Next regularly scheduled work session will be Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner  
Clerk-Treasurer