



## VILLAGE OF BARKER WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 10, 2017  
6:00pm

In **Attendance:** Mayor Aaron Nellist, Trustee's- Greg Kerth, Kim Ruffini and James Baker, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Vicky Baker and Bob Wendler from zoning board. Absent was Clerk-Treasurer, Amanda Detschner.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge at 6:00pm.

- 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Car Bids received
  - Donald Martineck \$890.99
  - Timothy Braugher \$852.00
  - Matthew Reynolds \$750.00
  - Sean Hotnich \$700.25
  - Phillip Bates \$550.50
- Niagara County Shared Services Initiative Plan Submittal

Mayor Aaron Nellist gave a brief overview of the minutes that he and Clerk-Treasurer, Amanda Detschner attended. Mayor Nellist advised that he see this as a plan that will be on-going by New York State. Discussion on our limited options to share services since we have historically been doing so for numerous years.
- Flooding issue on Main Street

Mayor Nellist met with a business owner on June 30<sup>th</sup> regarding the flooding of water on Main Street. Also present was Mel Denny from the town of Somerset as well as their engineer. The mayor feels additional drainage capability is needed. Discussed the possibility of extending the curb. adding catch basins, enlarging drain at the end of Pallister, near the Post Office. Need to have engineer look at the situation.
- Insurance quotes will be available at the end of the week and will be presented to be voted upon at the July 17, 2017 meeting

Emerling Insurance Agency tried 3 different carriers (including Trident) and could not find one that would save us money. Their letter is attached; they would like to become our broker.

### Public Comment

Mr. Wendler asked what the board has heard in regards to Dollar General. Mr. Wendler has been contacted by Richard Hellert in regards to the property south of the Barker Commons. Mayor Nellist and Mr. Wendler exchanged what contacts they have had. Discussed making sure the good of the Village is protected.

### Board Comment

- Mayor Nellist received a phone call from Adam Sansone, the Regional Representative of Western New York for the Office of Governor Cuomo. They spoke about the soil erosion problem at the Bicentennial Park. Mr. Sansone stated he and an engineer will come down to assess the situation. They also discussed the County Wide Initiative plan for shared services.
- Trustee Greg Kerth reported on the abandoned house on Pallister Avenue. He has been in contact with the representative of Veteran Affairs (Mortgage Holder?) The inspectors for the Office of Veteran affairs have been out and spoke with Trustee Kerth directly. They discussed plans for the house and they advised it takes between 1 and 6 months to get the process going.
- Mayor Nellist advised the board that Deputy Mayor, Janice Rider has resigned and he will be appointing a new board member.

**A motion for Adjournment was made at 6:45** by Trustee Kerth, and seconded by Trustee Baker. All voted aye to carry the motion.

Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, July 17, 2017 @ 7:00pm

## VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2017 7:00PM



Mayor Aaron Nellist  
Trustee Gregory P. Kerth  
Trustee James Baker  
Trustee Kimberly Ruffini-Absent

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Baker, Phillip Bates and Dale Howard. Trustee Ruffini was absent.

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

The **Sales tax** received for June 2017 was \$9,951.11 an increase of \$20.55 from June 2016.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held June 12, 2017 was motioned for approval by Trustee Kerth and a second was offered by Trustee Baker. All present voted in favor. Motion Carried.

A **Letter of Resignation was received from Deputy Mayor Janice Rider**. The board motioned to accept the resignation of Deputy Mayor Rider was made by Trustee Baker and a second was offered by Trustee Kerth. All present voted aye to carry the motion.

Mayor Nellist graciously thanked Janice Rider for her service to the Village and commended her service with a certificate.

Mayor Nellist appointed Gregory Kerth Deputy Mayor.

The **sealed bids submitted on behalf of the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria were opened on July 7, 2017 at 1:34pm by Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner**. The 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Car Bids received are as follows:

- **Donald Martineck \$890.99**
- Timothy Braugher \$852.00
- Matthew Reynolds \$750.00
- Sean Hotnich \$700.25
- Phillip Bates \$550.50

A motion to **accept the highest bid** was made by Trustee Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Baker. Members present voted in favor to carry the motion.

**Insurance Renewal Quotes**

**Trident (WNY Insurance Agency)** - \$9,302 (With Terrorism Coverage) **\$9,139 (w/o Terrorism Coverage)**

**Emerling Insurance Agency**-A letter stating they could not find us better pricing, but would love to become our broker. They listed the services they would provide for us if we switched to them

**Selective (United)**- Did not submit a quote in time to be considered

Joseph Niezgoda III, President of the Western New York Insurance Company gave a presentation about the coverage that he quoted through Trident. Mr. Niezgoda walked through the policy page by page answering any questions that arose. It was stated that the policy does not include earthquake/flood coverage and that the Village may hold festivals or other events in the Park, as long as a hold harmless agreement was signed or a waiver of segregation, also advised to have Vendor Insurance.

A **motion to approve coverage through Trident without Terrorism coverage** was made by Trustee Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Baker. All present voted aye. Motioned Carried.

The **Flooding complaint by Main Street Property Owner** was discussed and the Village will have their Engineer look at the situation when he comes down for the meeting with Adam Sassone from the Governor’s Office to see firsthand the erosion that has taken place along the shoreline in our Lake Park. The Village is looking to for an option that involves a minimal amount of work, resources and will work toward the goal of making the storm water drainage better. When a date is set for the meeting the Board will be notified.

**County-Wide Shared Services Initiative Plan**

- ✓ Our paperwork has been turned into the County for inclusion, including an addendum stating our position and why our list is minimal
- ✓ Next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Center for Economic Development. Clerk-Treasurer will attend on behalf of the Village

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

- ✓ Water bills for 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR 2017 April-June were mailed on July 9<sup>th</sup> and are due August 10<sup>th</sup> without Penalty
- ✓ The Clerk-Treasurer received her 120 credit hour certificate from the New York Municipal Clerks Institute while she attended July 9-July 12<sup>th</sup> in Albany, now she may apply for her designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) to the IIMC
- ✓ The Clerk-Treasurer will be on vacation from July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- ✓ Tax Collection remains with penalty added as of July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5%, August 6%, September 7% and October 8%. Any taxes remaining unpaid as of November 1<sup>st</sup> will be re-levied onto the Town/County Taxes in January
- ✓ The SAM Grant is in the final desk audit phase and then it’s turned over to a different department within the State, once it’s returned to DASNY then we’ll find out for sure if we get the grant. Could be early September or October.
- ✓ The Village needs to begin thinking about the new Paid Leave Option that the Governor made mandatory in this budget, as a Municipality the Village can opt out. This is done by passing a resolution and forwarding it to the Workers Compensation Board. It doesn’t start until January, but it’s something to be reading about so that we may have a discussion.

A brief discussion ensued asking the full time employees what their opinion is about the paid leave, the consensus was to opt out due to the ability to use our accruals if needed.

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

Water Comparison-6.16% loss

The County replaced the meter in the pit after the Village alerted them that the last several quarters the Village had billed more gallons than the County reading. This water comparison is more accurate than we had in a few quarters. Mayor Nellist inquired about the need to have the work crew clean underneath the bridge; Mr. Remington stated that he felt it wasn’t necessary this year. Mayor Nellist asked the Clerk-Treasurer to write thank you letters to the Towns that helped when High Street was Nova chipped. Mayor Nellist also stated that any time Mr. Remington finds vandalism to file a Police Report to have on file.

Mr. Remington asked if there was money to do sidewalks, High Street came in lower than expected, but the refuse contract increased drastically without budgeting for it. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

6 permits issued: 3-roofs, a shed, a two story addition, an electrical box and replacing windows with different size

Trustee Kerth gave Mr. Remington info on 1705 Pallister Avenue and gave an update on the information he had gathered. Trustee Kerth also stated that he’s noticed more houses complying with the code and stated that even some had appeared in court after their violations were not remedied.

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

**Correspondence:** Somerset Lake Shore Residents letter- Lake Ontario Recovery Fund information and applications will be at the Town of Somerset July 18 and July 25 from 10:00am-2:00pm both days  
Niagara County Farm Tour-July 18, 2017 3:00pm-7:30pm  
NYCOM Legislative Update  
Brown and Company, Public Accountant AUD letter  
Niagara County Dept. of Civil Service Reminders Letter  
Niagara County Center for Economic Development- Small Business Workshop hosted here at the Village Board Room Aug. 16, 2017 9:30am-10:30am  
  
NC Mortgage Tax Distribution  
Selective Insurance Letter  
NC Gallonage Report  
\*\*NYS Dept. of Public Service-National Grid price increase letter  
Charter Communications-Programming Changes June 30, 2017  
Charter Communications-Programming Changes July 11, 2017

**\*\*Mayor Nellist** briefly summarized what National Grid was asking for in terms of increases for both Electricity and Natural Gas. These increases would have a significant impact on everyone’s monthly bill, therefore he urged people to comment to the Department of Public Service.

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstracts 001 Voucher #’s 28-71  
General Fund-\$27,710.31 Water Fund-\$3,290.39 T&A Fund-\$1,400.0 TOTAL \$32,400.70  
A motion to **approve the above claims and bill payment** was made by Trustee Baker and a second was offered by Trustee Kerth. All present voted in favor to carry the motion.

**Budget Transfer:** To close FY 2016-2017  
A1010.4 Board of Trustees Contractual \$438.00 to A1325.42 C/T Supplies  
A1010.4 Board of Trustees Contractual \$48.00 to A1325.43 C/T Training  
A1640.41 DPW Gasoline \$71.00 to A1640.45 DPW Misc Supplies  
A3120.42 Police Gasoline \$34.00 to A3120.43 Police Uniform  
A3120.47 Police Building Maintenance \$161.00 to A3120.44 Police Training  
A3120.46 Police Vehicle Maintenance \$1036.000 to A3120.45 Police Supplies  
A5110.1 P/S Laborer \$62.00 to A5110.4 Street Maintenance Contractual  
A5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual \$586.00 to A5182.4 Street Lighting  
A9015.8 State Police Retirement \$243.00 to A9060.8 Medical Insurance  
A **motion to approve the above budget transfers** was made by Trustee Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Baker. All present voted in favor to carry the motion.

**Public Comment** was offered by:  
Dale Howard: Stated that the Lake Park looks great  
Phillip Bates: Commended the Village on the way they run their meeting

**Board Comment** was offered by:  
Mayor Nellist: Stated that in his 5 years as the Mayor he has not had to use his gavel, but came close tonight. He reminded the Board and audience that they need to follow the rules of order.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 8:02pm** by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. All present voted in favor to carry the motion.

**Next Work Session meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00pm.**  
**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner  
Clerk-Treasurer