



VILLAGE OF BARKER WORK SESSION MINTUES

May 1, 2017
6:00pm

In **Attendance:** All Board members, Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner, Kurt Lutz and the following Participation in Government Students: Seth Lutz, Eadie Fuerch and Serena Flint

The meeting was **opened at 6:02pm** by Mayor Nellist administering the pledge of Allegiance.

- Tax Warrant for 2017 Village Tax Collection
General Fund Taxes to be collected \$140,366.12
Unpaid Water \$7,967.08
Total \$148,333.20

- 1998 White Crown Victoria Police Interceptor
Ready to place for sale? Talk about opening bid price

The Board discussed what they thought about opening bid prices ranging from \$500 to \$800 due to the speedometer not working and we know that the part costs about \$600 to replace

- Zoning Map changes Local Law #2-2017
Set public hearing date at our monthly meeting

The Niagara County Zoning Board approved the proposed changes to the zoning that affects the heart of the Village from Industrial to Business, in order to help growth in the Village.

- SAM Funding- 3rd round containing all financial documents have been submitted as of April 21, 2017

I have received a couple phone calls and emails clarifying information, so hopefully we'll have a definite answer soon on when we can move ahead with the project

- GRT audit turned up that TWC had not begun to pay until 2013, which the law was adopted in 2010. They requested the penalty be waived in the amount of \$28.69

The Board discussed putting a deadline in place as when to receive payment from TWC, if they pay by May 31st the penalty will be waived, if not paid by May 31st the penalty will stand. An email will be sent to TWC clarifying this information.

- Modern has chosen not to extend our refuse contract. We will have to go out to bid quickly as the contract expires June 30th.

This contract is a mutually renewable. It began as a 3 year contract in 2014 and had the option of 6 one year extensions. We will have to go out to bid with a likely price increase. A resolution will be placed on next week's agenda to authorize the bid process.

Public Comment was offered by:

Kurt Lutz- Mark is doing an excellent job, the Village looks great.

Mayor Nellist read aloud a letter from Grace Bodine regarding the storm drain on the corner of East Avenue and Coleman Road and the deterioration of the storm grate on the east side of her property.

Board Comment was offered by:

Mayor Nellist-a meeting regarding the Countywide Shared Services imitative will be held May 4th in Fredonia

Trustee Kerth- asked that Mark clean the storm drains on Pallister Avenue, in nicer weather fix the pot holes on Pallister and inquired about why Pallister Avenue has only been chip sealed in the past

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 6:34pm** by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. All voted in favor to carry the motion.

Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2017 @ 7:00pm



VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2017 7:00PM

Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Janice M. Rider
Trustee Gregory P. Kerth
Trustee James Baker
Trustee Kimberly Ruffini

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Baker, Bob Brown, Dale Howard, Phillip Bates, Bob Verheyn, Chris Bronson, Nicole Langendorfer and 13 Participation in Government Students. Police Chief Timothy Braughler was absent.

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

The **Sales tax** received for April 2017 was \$12,190.70 an increase of \$517.70 from April 2016.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the Annual Organizational meeting held April 3, 2017 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Rider and a second was offered by Trustee Baker. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Tax Warrant for 2017- Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to collect the taxable levy of \$140,366.12, plus \$7,967.08 in unpaid water rents for a total of \$148,333.20. A notice of the 2017 Taxes Levied shall be published in the Union Sun and Journal once per week for two consecutive weeks. A motion to execute the Tax Warrant was made by Trustee Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini. All voted in favor or carry the motion.

The **Immanent Expiration of our Refuse Contract** is fast approaching (June 30th), we heard from Modern that they do not want to offer an extension to the Village. A motion to go out to bid and start the process was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

Resolution # 14 -2017- Declaring the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Surplus property to be sold
WHEREAS, The Village of Barker has acquired certain personal property for the purpose of carrying out services in the public interest; and
WHEREAS, the item of personal property of the Village have become worn out, obsolete, or are no longer needed by the Village; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has deemed it unnecessary to maintain ownership of the surplus personal property of the Village; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to dispose of the following surplus property:
1998 Ford Crown Victoria with the mileage of 104,576 –Valued at \$1,100.00
Known problem of speedometer not working-\$600 part to repair-Selling “AS IS”
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Barker Board of Trustees, as follows:
Section1: The Village Board finds and declares that the Village no longer has a use for the surplus property listed above.
Section 2:The Village Board adopts the valuation of the surplus property listed and described above.
Section 3: The Village Clerk-Treasurer is authorized and directed to conduct a sealed bid auction for the purposes of selling the surplus property to the highest bidder for cash as posted.
Resolution #14-2017 was adopted by a motion from Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Baker. The following votes were cast:

Mayor Nellist-AYE
Deputy Mayor Rider- AYE
Trustee Kerth-NAY
Trustee Baker-AYE
Trustee Ruffini-AYE
Motioned Carried. Resolution #14-2017 Adopted.

A motion to **set the starting bid price for the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car at \$500.00** was made by Trustee Baker and a second was offered by Trustee Ruffini. The following votes were cast:
Mayor Nellist-AYE
Deputy Mayor Rider- AYE
Trustee Kerth-NAY
Trustee Baker-AYE
Trustee Ruffini-AYE
Motioned Carried.

Introduce Local Law #2-2017-- Amending the Zoning Provisions of the Code of the Village of Barker
This Law is to change the majority of the industrially zoned parcels that run along Main Street to Business, allowing for business growth in the Village. A Public Hearing will be held on June 12, 2017 at 7:00pm

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

- Would like to attend the NYS Retirement System Employer Education Seminar held May 19th in Batavia-Free to attend, new information about the new online portals for members, employers and retirees and more. Attendance was granted by the Board.
- Water bills are due Wed., May 10th before penalty

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

- Water Comparison -4%

Mayor Nellist inquired about the repairs that the chipper needed, as well as the placement of the fuses on the Mowing tractor. Trustee Kerth mentioned the clogged drains on the northern portion of Pallister Avenue. Mr. Remington stated that with the amount of rain we had and the age of our drainage system the water receded decently overtime. Mr. Remington also stated that the newest Laborer Bob Verheyn is doing a great job and is a wonderful addition to our staff.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
Mayor Nellist stated that it looks like quite a few of the violators have complied with the order to remedy. Mr. Remington stated that another warning will be sent out before appearance tickets are issued. He also added that there will be some new violators due to the length of the grass.

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

Correspondence:

CHIPS Award letter \$8,667.26 PaveNY \$1,978.39 TOTAL \$10,645.65
Spectrum: Legal subsidiaries of Time Warner Cable-April 27, 2017
Rotary Club of Niagara County Central: June3 is holding Shred Your Sensitive Documents Day \$10/box
NYCOM: Summary of NY Mandate on Counties to Develop "County-wide Shared Services Tax Savings Plan"
NC Gallonage Report-April 2017
Modern Recycling Quarterly Report- January-March 2017
Modern Recycling Stipend- February 1, 2016-January 31, 2017- \$199.50
NYPIRG- Will be going door to door/non-profit so no peddler's permit required/must send letter back
NC DPW announcing its voucher program to deal with household hazardous waste-Info attached
Personal Letter from Grace Bodine regarding deteriorated drain grates and storm drain on her property
Personal letter from Dale Howard asking permission to allow his contractor to access his property through the bi-centennial park to boulder work
Personal email from Bob Brown asking permission to allow his contractor to access his property through the bi-centennial park to do boulder work

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstracts 012 Voucher #'s 370-416
General Fund-\$15,526.68 Water Fund-\$3,503.70 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$20,430.38
A motion to approve the claims and bill payment was made by Deputy Mayor Rider and was seconded by Trustee Kerth. All voted in favor to carry the motion.

Budget Transfer: A9010.8 State Retirement \$800.00 to A1325.42 C/T Supplies
A1640.41 DPW Garage-Gasoline \$150.00 to A1325.43 C/T Training
A9010.8 State Retirement \$20.00 to A1450.4 Election-Contractual
A7750.4 Celebration-Contractual \$177.00 to A8160.4 Refuse Contract
A9010.8 State Retirement \$750.00 to A9060.8 Medical Insurance
F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution \$250.00 to F9060.8 Medical Insurance
F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution \$70.00 to F8310.11 Clerk-Treasurer PS
A motion to approve the above budget transfers was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:
Dale Howard addressed the Board about the letter submitted under correspondence. He stated that he would like to do more boulder work in front of his lake front property due to the high levels of Lake Ontario to protect from further damage. The DEC permits could take anywhere from 60 to 180 days, once the permit is issued the work would begin. His contractor would access the park on the west side by the hedge row, which will be fully restored once the work is complete. Dale was already granted access to do the first round of boulder work in 2010 and did a great job of restoring the park to its original condition. The work will take approximately 2 weeks per parcel.
Bob Brown addressed the Board about the letter submitted under correspondence. He stated that he would need to access the property through the East side of the park by the hedge row and will restore it back to its original condition. He would be using the same contractor as Dale. Mr. Brown also has to wait for the DEC permit that could take anywhere from 60 to 180 days. Mr. Brown also has once been granted access to the lake through the park to do boulder work in front of his house and did a great job of restoring the park to its original condition.
Mayor Nellist stated that we would put something in writing and execute at the next meeting held June 12, 2017.

Board Comment was offered by:
Mayor Nellist- Stated that he had received correspondence from an individual to do a ride along with the Police Department for 10 hours. Mayor will speak with Tim about it.
Deputy Mayor Rider- Stated that Mark and Bob have been doing a great job.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:34pm** by Deputy Mayor Rider and a second was offered by Trustee Baker. A unanimous vote followed to carry the motion.

Next Work Session meeting will be June 5, 2017 at 6:00pm.
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 12, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner
Clerk-Treasurer