

# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



November 13, 2017 7:00PM

Mayor Aaron Nellist  
Deputy Mayor Gregory P. Kerth  
Trustee James Baker  
Trustee Kimberly Ruffini  
Trustee Seanna Corwin-Bradley

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Police Chief Timothy Braugher, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Victoria Baker, Dale Howard and the following Participation in Government Students: Grace Harris, Collin Webb, Sarah Mason, Adam Wagner, S. Ribbeck

At 7:01pm meeting was called to order by Mayor Nellist by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **Sales tax** received for October 2017 was \$13,101.29 a decrease of \$471.82 from October 2016 and an overall decrease in 2017 in the amount of \$1,916.00.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the special meeting held October 26, 2017 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Kerth and a second was offered by Trustee Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley NAYS-0/None  
Motioned Carried.

### **Resolution #18-2017 Designation of Offices to be filled in the next General Election**

WHEREAS, the next general election will be held on March 20, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must designate by resolution and public the offices which are to be filled in such election and the term thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1: That the Board of Trustees designated the following offices as vacant on March 31, 2018, to be filed at the Village Election to be held March 20, 2018 for the following terms:

TRUSTEE-Two Year Term

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Section 2: The Village is hereby directed to publish this resolution in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal.

**Resolution #18-2017 was motioned for adoption** by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kerth.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley NAYS-0/None

Resolution adopted. Motioned Carried.

### **Resolution #19-2017 Proclamation Commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Amherst, New York**

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst, New York celebrates its Bicentennial in the year 2018 and it is fitting to recognize the Town of Amherst on the occasion of this special milestone and to applaud its distinguished history; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst was officially created on April 10, 1819 from part of the Town of Buffalo (later known as the City of Buffalo), has a total area of 53.28 square miles, is the largest Town in Erie County, New York and includes the Village of Williamsville, as well as the hamlets of Eggertsville, Getzville, Snyder, Swormville and East Amherst; and

WHEREAS, In the nineteenth century Amherst was a prosperous farming community with seven grist mills, several saw mills, a tannery and boot and shoe factory and two forges with commercial activity centered in Williamsville; and

WHEREAS, the Town grew from being primarily a farming community to an urban community in the twentieth century with the creation of new subdivisions, the building of the University of Buffalo Campus in Amherst and the location of the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town body is comprised of 125,000 residents and provides many facilities and attractions including: a four rink recreational facility that attracts national and international ice tournaments, a state of the art senior center, three libraries, and a State Park; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Amherst will proudly mark its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a series of celebrations throughout its Bicentennial Year, beginning on January 1, 2018 with a 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and continuing with a gigantic Parade, historic walking tours, slogan contest, Interclub Service Club Luncheon and a gala Bicentennial Ball; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the Town of Amherst's rich history and enduring contributions, it is indeed an honor to pay tribute to this Town upon the occasion of its Bicentennial;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Congratulations are sent to the Town of Amherst on their Bicentennial and the Town and its residents are to be enthusiastically recognized as they celebrate this auspicious occasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Town of Amherst Bicentennial Commission.

**Resolution #19-2017 was motioned for adoption** by Trustee Ruffini and a second was offered by Trustee Corwin-Bradley.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley    NAYS-0/None  
Resolution adopted. Motioned Carried.

**Authorization of Mayor Nellist and Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner** to execute the CDBG Grant Agreement and any other related forms in reference to the Break Wall Installation Project at Bicentennial Park, Project CDBG 77IT203-17 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Kerth and a second was offered by Trustee Baker.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley    NAYS-0/None  
Motioned Carried.

**Unpaid Village Taxes to the Niagara County Treasurer**  
4 parcels unpaid in the amount of \$1,611.70 plus \$48.35 in penalty for at TOTAL of \$1,660.05  
A motion to authorize the Clerk=Treasurer to transmit unpaid Village Taxes to the Niagara County Treasurer/Dept. of Real Property was motioned by Deputy Mayor Kerth and a second was offered by Trustee Ruffini.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley    NAYS-0/None  
Motioned Carried.

The **Clerk-Treasurer’s Financial Reports** were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- ✓ Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> I will be attending a LUCA (2020 Census) meeting at the Center for Economic Development from 10am until 1:000pm
- ✓ Emergency Response Plan regarding our water system needs to be updated (every 5 years) a meeting is being held on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am-Noon at the NC Training Facility, Mark and I need to attend

Since the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer is unable to fill in the Office will be closed Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until Noon. Advance notice shall be given on the website and posting.

- ✓ The Village Hall will be CLOSED Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- ✓ Niagara County Veteran’s Service Agency will be visiting the Village on December 13t from 9:00m until Noon. Please call the Village Hall or stop in for an appointment.
- ✓ The Niagara County Shared Services panel will meet on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the NC training facility

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

- ✓ Wooden playground has been removed
- ✓ The trees picked out at Stedman’s are tagged and awaiting planting

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

2 permits-a remodel and a shed

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

Chief Braughler spoke about the Village possibly letting one of the ice rinks be turned into a basketball court/ice rink. He said that the youths would benefit from this and that the Police Department would like to help get the project started. He asked to see if the Board would be supportive of the idea. The Board agreed it would be nice for the children. Mayor Nellist gave some background about the project because it’s something that he tried to get started in 2012, the initial meeting had a great turn out by various community organizations, but then when it came time to have a lead agency designated to spearhead the project no one stepped up. Therefore the project was put on hold. Trustee Corwin-Bradley offered to help Chief Braughler will this project.

**Correspondence:** Charter Communications Programming Changes/Updates-November 9, 2017  
M&T Bank Annual Account Disclosure  
Amherst Bicentennial Commission request for Proclamation  
NC Gallonage Report

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 006    Voucher #’s 161-216  
General Fund-\$27,990.83    Water Fund-\$7,126.96    T&A Fund-\$2,100.00    TOTAL \$37,217.79  
A motion to approve the claims and bill payment was made by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley    NAYS-0/None  
Motioned Carried.

**Budget Transfer:** A1420.4 Law Contractual \$100.00 to A1620.44 Village Hall Contractual  
A1990.4 Contingency \$1,350.00 to A8020.4 Planning-Contractual (Capital Improvement Plan Update)  
The above budget transfers were motioned for approval by Trustee Baker and a second was offered by Trustee Corwin-Bradley.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley    NAYS-0/None  
Motioned Carried.

**Public Comment** was offered by:  
Dale Howard: Spoke about the basketball court/ice rink and stated he thinks it’s a great idea. He also stated how our parks are kept impeccable and how gorgeous they look because of the attention to detail. Since he lives next to the Lake Park he commented on how much less litter there was this summer. Mayor Nellist thanked Mark Remington and his crew.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Mayor Nellist: Stated that a homeowner who has raised issue in the past with the drainage in front and behind his property on Main Street will be sent a letter in the week to come. He stated that drainage for the entire Village is a priority but comes with a hefty price tag; therefore it's not just one homeowner who has these issues. As well as stating the reason for updating the Capital Improvement Plan.

Deputy Mayor Kerth: Inquired about the County fixing the area that was paved in 2016 where water stands by the Post Office on Main Street. It was explained that the issue is a drainage issue not a road issue.

Trustee Corwin-Bradley: Gave an update on the child safety seat check facilitated by the Niagara County Sheriff's Department Traffic Safety Coordinator. A tentative date of March 24<sup>th</sup> is set, most likely from 10:00am until 1:00pm. If the weather was still iffy the Barker Fire Department would allow the use of their facility, as per Seanna's conversations with the President and Fire Chief. Office Braughler would like to have a Village PD presence, as well. The traffic safety coordinator will pass out literature to the school students and advertise the event.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:38pm** by Trustee Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kerth.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 5-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley    NAYS-0/None  
Motioned Carried.

**Next Work Session meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 6:00pm.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner  
Clerk-Treasurer