

The notice of the meeting change was posted in the Union Sun & Journal and 4 places around the Village, as well as on the Village website.

## VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINTUES



October 2, 2017 7:00PM

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

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Victoria Baker, Phyllis Hildebrant, Phillip Bates and one Participation in Government student: Nate Cluse. Trustee James Baker was absent from the meeting.

At **7:02pm meeting was called to order** by Mayor Nellist by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **Resignation of Seanna Corwin-Bradley** from the Planning Board was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 3-Nellist, Kerth, Ruffini NAYS-0/None Motioned Carried.

The **Appointment of Seanna Corwin-Bradley** to the Board of Trustees was made by Mayor Nellist.

The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk-Treasurer Amanda M. Detschner to Seanna Corwin-Bradley, at which time she joined the rest of the Board of Trustees.

The **Sales tax** received for September 2017 was \$9,705.52 a decrease of \$814.53 from September 2017, An overall decrease for 2017 Sales Tax in the amount of \$1,444.18.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held September 6, 2017 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Kerth and a second was offered by Trustee Ruffini.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 4-Nellist, Kerth, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1, Baker Motioned Carried.

A motion to **Set Trick or Treat Hours for Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 2017 for 5:00-7:00pm** was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 3-Kerth, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley NAYS 1-Nellist ABSENT 1-Baker Motioned Carried.

### **Resolution # 16-2017**

#### **Opposing the Elimination of the Deductibility of State and Local Taxes (SALT)**

WHEREAS Congress is giving serious consideration to eliminating the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes;

WHEREAS this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of our community and our State;

WHEREAS, New York residents already pay more into the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York;

WHEREAS the state and local deduction is a fundamental principal of federalism and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to state and local governments;

WHEREAS this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on municipal budgets, including diminished revenue for essential local government investments, including public safety and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm our local housing market, decrease home values and erode our local tax base,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Barker expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges Representative Chris Collins to join in publicly opposing any such proposal.

A **motion to adopt Resolution #16-2017** was made by Trustee Ruffini and a second was offered by Deputy Mayor Kerth.

The previous Resolution was ADOPTED. AYES 4-Nellist, Kerth, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley NAYS -0/None ABSENT 1-Baker Motioned Carried.

Resolution #17-2017 Standard Work Day Reporting Resolution RS 2417-A

Title	Standard Work Day  (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name  (First and Last)	Registration Number	Tier 1  (Check only is member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates  (mm/dd/yy - mm/dd/yy)	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System  (Yes/No-If Yes, do not complete the last two columns)	Record of Activities Result
ELECTED OFFICIALS							
MAYOR	6.0	Aaron S. Nellist	40054413		4/1/2017-4/2019	NO	11.92
TRUSTEE	6.0	R. James Baker	36539512		4/1/2017-3/31/2019	NO	1.08
APPOINTED OFFICIALS							
CLERK-TREASURER	6.00	Amanda M. Detschner	600475887		4/1/2017-3/31/2019	YES	
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	8.00	Mark D. Remington	40426074		4/1/2017-3/31/2019	YES	
CHIEF OF POLICE	6.00	Timothy Braughler	0A912154		4/1/2017-3/31/2019	YES	

A **motion to adopt resolution #17-2017** was made by Trustee Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kerth.

The previous resolution was ADOPTED. AYES 4-Nellist, Kerth, Ruffini, Corwin-Bradley NAYS-0/None ABSENT 1-Baker Motioned Carried.

A **Niagara Orleans Health Care Consortium Update** was given by Mayor Nellist.

A \$15.8 Million dollar initiative has been awarded to the Niagara Orleans Health Care Consortium by the Department of State, the representative named to this project is Christopher Grant. The next Healthcare Consortium meeting will be held Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Somerset Town Hall. At which time Christopher Grant will be on hand to answer questions. The first step is \$50,000 to develop a project plan and once that is submitted and approved, \$5.5 Million will be available to proceed with the next steps. Laz Bonitez was quoted in the paper saying “it’s uncommon to see an award like this and Niagara County could serve as a model for the rest of New York.” The goal of the Healthcare Consortium is to see slight increases over large ones realized by the community rated market. It will be continued savings over a long period of time.

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

- ✓ Any Village taxes not paid by October 31, 2017 will be sent to Niagara County for collection on the Town/County tax bill in January.
- ✓ NCCC is hosting the NYS Dept. of State Division of Local Governments Services Training for Local Boards on Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 5:00-9:30pm with two sessions being offered. If attendees attend both sessions they will have fulfilled the mandatory 4.0 hours of training required for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members. Deadline to RSVP is October 6<sup>th</sup> to the Clerk-Treasurer.
- ✓ No word on the SAM Grant or the 2017 Lake Ontario Imminent Threat/Flooding Program
- ✓ NYSLRS is holding training in Buffalo on October 11 from 9:00am-3:30pm. This is to train us on the new online retirement system, all the new aspects and new procedures
- ✓ Fall 2017 Newsletter will be mailed the second week of October, just waiting on several articles from various people
- ✓ Water bills for the 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR will be mailed on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and are due November 13<sup>th</sup> without penalty

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

Mayor Nellist inquired about if we sustained more Lake Shore damage and the bearing needed for the salt spreader.

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

One permit-A Roof

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

**Correspondence:**

Barker Central School-Homecoming Notification- Week of October 2-7th  
Invest Buffalo/Niagara- Amazon opportunity  
Niagara County Economic Development Center Newsletter  
Robert Ortt-fundraiser flyer/invitation  
United Way2017 Campaign Flyer  
NYS OSC AIM Funding Deposit Notice \$3,723.00 & \$513.00  
Charter Communications- Notice of Programming Changes  
Niagara Falls International Airport Stakeholders Group, Inc.-Broadband Friendly Public Policies workshop-Wed., October 18, 2017 from 9:00am-Noon

Amanda M. Detschner  
Clerk-Treasurer