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VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2017 7:00PM



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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Victoria Baker, Police Chief Timothy Braugher (7:14pm), Bob Brown, Richard Hellert, Dale Howard, Phyllis Hildebrant, Officer Sean Hotnich (7:18pm), Jacob Januchowski and family

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

PUBLIC HEARING -CDBG Grant: 2017 Imminent Threat Program/Lake Ontario Flood Relief Program

RE: Bi-Centennial Park Shoreline Erosion Break Wall Installation Project was **opened at 7:01pm**. Dale Howard spoke regarding the Grant application. Mr. Howard stated that he fully supports the grant application to install a break wall at the Lake Park and he expressed his opinion that it's a jewel for the entire community, both the Town and Village residents. Phyllis Hildebrant also spoke in respect to the Grant application. Mrs. Hildebrant felt that it's an awesome park and the Village needs to do everything in their power to preserve and protect it. She also stated that she's had a chance to visit the Lake Park and was disappointed with the current state of the shoreline. Mayor Nellist stated that this grant is needed to make the Park safe again. The Public Hearing was **closed** by Mayor Nellist at **7:03pm**.

The appointment of a new Trustee, Seanna Corwin-Bradley, was tabled due to her having a death in the family. This will be placed on next month's agenda.

The **Sales tax** received for August 2017 in the amount of \$10,556.08 a \$374.13 decrease from August 2016.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held August 14, 2017 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Baker.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES 4-Nellist, Kerth, Ruffini, Baker NAYS-0/none. Motioned Carried

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

- ✓ Bi-Centennial Park Shoreline Erosion Break Wall Installation Project grant application has been completed. After holding the Public Hearing and signatures from the Mayor I will be able to submit it this week.
- ✓ Fall newsletter input would be greatly appreciated by September 30th.
- ✓ The Village Hall will be closed Monday, September 11th through Thursday, September 14th and will re-open Friday, September 15th normal business hours due to the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer attending NYCOM Fall Training School. The new flooring will be installed in the hallway and Board Room while the Office is closed.
- ✓ Unpaid tax letters were mailed out September 1st. 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 6th to the Clerk-Treasurer.
- ✓ Clerk-Treasurer stated that no word has been received on the SAM Funding, hoping to have some new information by the October meeting

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

Mayor Nellist stated that everything looks wonderful around the Village and offered thanks to Bob Verheyn for all of his hard work. He also inquired about the repairs made to the Salter.

Trustee Kerth inquired about when the chipper will be put away, which won't be until early November and will be posted in the Fall Newsletter.

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

3 permits issued- one addition, two sheds

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

- ✓ **Appointment of Sean Hotnich to Sergeant rank in the Village Police Department** at the rate of \$ 14.50 per hour was motioned for approval by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Kerth,Ruffini,Baker NAYS-0/None. Motion Carried.
- ✓ **Appointment of Jacob Januchowski as Part Time Police Officer** at a wage of \$13.50 per hour was motioned for approval by Trustee Ruffini. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Kerth,Ruffini,Baker NAYS-0/None. Motion Carried.

Trustee Kerth inquired about having patrols on early mornings or late afternoons, now that school is in session. Chief Braugher stated that with the addition of a new Officer he is hoping to be able to get early morning shifts filled.

Discussion about the parcel **Dollar General** is considering for building a new store in the Barker/Somerset community. Richard Hellert addressed the Board of Trustees to inform them about the process and where it is right now. Currently the lot just south of the Barker Commons that was owned by Woodroe Baker has been accepted by the seller, but Dollar General's Real Estate Committee has not accepted the deal yet. If Dollar General accepts the purchase then the developer, Primax, and the Engineering firm that Dollar General uses will put together a site plan, address the Board and residents and secure any zoning changes that will need to be made. Dollar General is looking to build a 9,000 square foot building, similar to the one they are putting up in Kendall. Mr. Hellert did state that the zoning on the current parcel would have to be changed before construction could start. He stated the main things Dollar General is looking for is a lot that is around one acre, sewer connection, water connection and traffic flow. Mr. Hellert explained all this is tentative and he hopes the Village will accept the new business and structure. Mayor Nellist stated that he has been in contact with the Village Engineer and Attorney and a special meeting maybe called later in September to discuss this topic. His intentions are to ensure all Board members are educated and understand what is proposed so that an educated decision can be made, if need be.

Correspondence:

Selective Insurance-Notice of Extended Reporting Period-Table until October meeting
Charter Communications-Programming Changes-August 31, 2017
Chatfield Engineers-Letter about Bi-Centennial Park Lake Shore Erosion
NYS Urban Development Corporation "New Farmers Grant Fund Project/Public Hearing"
NC Gallonage Report-August 2017-included flushing of hydrants in late August
NCCC Training for Planning & Zoning Board members- Thurs., October 12th from 5:00-9:30pm
RPEA-Retired Public Employees Association, Inc.-Future Retirement seminar-Oct. 17, 2017
M&T Bank Dispute Management Changes notification

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 004 Voucher #'s 110-131
General Fund-\$2,426.60 Water Fund-\$84.52 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$3,911.12

A motion to accept the above claims and bill payment was made by Trustee Baker and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Kerth. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Kerth,Ruffini,Baker NAYS-0/None. Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Phyllis Hildebrant- Stated that she was thrilled that Dollar General may make it to the Village. It's an awesome asset and observed that the Dollar Generals in New York are maintained impeccably compared to ones that she has been in down South.

Dale Howard- Stated that the Parks look amazing thanks to the hard work of Mark and Bob. Mr. Howard stated that if the Village comes out of the Dollar General deal with a reputation of working cooperatively, then maybe more businesses will follow.

Richard Hellert-Stated that he is also representing the owners of the old bakery, next to Golden Hill Creek on the north side. He asked for any suggestions of an appropriate business that the site would be suitable for and how nice it would be to have a business there again. It is located in the flood plain.

Board Comment was offered by:

Mayor Nellist-Stated that the October meeting will be moved to Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at 7:00pm due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:39pm** by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Ruffini. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Kerth,Ruffini,Baker NAYS-0/None. Motion Carried.

Next Board meeting will be October 2, 2017 @ 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner
Clerk-Treasurer