

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BRIEFING MINUTES

February 14, 2019 7:00pm



Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Gregory Kerth
Trustee R. James Baker
Trustee Seanna Bradley-Corwin-*Absent*
Trustee Benjamin Seward

Meeting Location: 1697 East Avenue, Barker (Police Station)

Meeting notified to the official paper by media notice and posted on the Village website

Reason: Keep communication open and progression of the services provided positive momentum

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Aaron Davis. Trustee Corwin-Bradley was absent from the meeting.

Mayor Nellist opened the meeting by administering the pledge of allegiance at 7:00pm.

Mayor Nellist stated that the Village received correspondence from the Niagara County Health Department; it was forwarded it to our attorney, as well as the insurance company. Mayor Nellist also thanked everyone for attending on a day that wasn't very convenient. Mayor Nellist also shared a poem with the Board about the Village Hall/Library fire that was written by Jack Baker. Mark Weld also offered assistance if we needed any signage painted etc. Steven Lee from the Town of Somerset also offered to help in any way he could.

The Clerk-Treasurer went through things accomplished:

Tuesday, February 12, 2019:

- ✓ Received LED smart street lighting info from National Grid, the information was sent to Joe Crimini at NYPA so that he can use the information to update our cost savings analysis
- ✓ Printed new hire packet for our new part time police officer
- ✓ Vicky entered all the water payments we received in to the computer and prepared bank deposits
- ✓ Mailed bills, picked up mail and processed it
- ✓ Typed meeting minutes from the Board meeting on 2/11/19, posted to the website and emailed to the Board
- ✓ Processed payroll reports
- ✓ Sent legal notices to the paper regarding water penalty and the election polling place
- ✓ Had a phone interview with Connor Hoffman from the Union Sun
- ✓ Called Williamson so they restore my archives to help me with budget

Wednesday, February 13, 2019:

- ✓ 8:30am Mark Cerrone Company came to look at site so they could place a demolition quote
- ✓ 10:00am-2:30pm the Village's cause and origin investigator, as well as the Village's electrical engineer, the Library's cause and origin investigator, as well as the Library's electrical engineer, as well as National Grid's electrical engineer was at the fire scene. We are still not to enter without permission and we do not have a green light for demo yet. Mark Remington did see them loading evidence into a vehicle before they left the scene.
- ✓ Called NYCOM to reset my login, so I can access needed reference materials
- ✓ Payroll entries were made in Williamson
- ✓ Remote check deposits
- ✓ Reported retirement for February 2019
- ✓ Received a letter in the mail from NC Dept. of health about 8715 Main Street complaint
- ✓ Ordered new bathroom sink and faucet from Home Depot
- ✓ Printed 2018 and 2016 AUD's to help me work on budget until I can get my Williamson archives
- ✓ Worked on budget at home, 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday, February 14, 2019:

- ✓ Emailed John Mancini to get Mark Remington's water credits for his recertification his summer
- ✓ Called Williamson so they could download my archives
- ✓ Printed all the minutes from January 1 to present so we have an official minute book now
- ✓ Worked on budget by entering info from the last couple of years to get us up to date
- ✓ Did official notification letters to candidates that handed in election petitions, as well as acceptance certificates
- ✓ Emailed a thank you to IIMC and Cheryl Douglas for my replacement CMC plaque and post card of encouragement
- ✓ Began a letter to National Grid regarding our safety concerns and forwarded it Brian Seaman
- ✓ Emailed Joe Niezgoda about liability of the Girl Scouts or Eagle Scouts putting a shelter similar to the "little free library" concept in the park on Main Street

The Board of Trustees was open to the idea and the liability was minimal.

- ✓ Began Aaron's speech for the NC legislature meeting on 2/19/2019
- ✓ Called Paul Chatfield about what next steps we should be taking, we should have a concepts meeting which will be held on March 7, 2019 at 7:00pm
- ✓ Called Tracy Sutherland from National Grid about the street lighting that is non-functional, she was going to reach out to her driver supervisor to see what the holdup was

March 7, 2017 at 7:00pm the briefing meeting will be held at the Barker Lion's Club.

Mayor Nellist inquired about the completion of the 2018 annual code reports required by NYS and it was completed and sent in on Wed., February 13, 2019 by Mark Remington. Mayor Nellist asked about the election supplies NC offered to let us borrow for the election, a phone call will be made by Deputy Mayor Kerth 10 prior to the election to arrange for pick up.

Trustee Seward inquired about when NFA will take their portion of our insurance payment, an answer wasn't given. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into it.

DPW Superintendent called Dean Lapp from NC Highway Department to thank him and his crew for the help after the fire and asked him to give us pricing on paving for budget.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 7:31pm** by Deputy Mayor Kerth and was seconded by Trustee Baker. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Kerth, Baker, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner, CMC, RMC, CMFO
Clerk-Treasurer

BARKER BOUNCES BACK

A poem by Jack Baker-2019

A fire at midnight on a frigid winter's night
took our Village Hall and Library in spite of a valiant fight
Both the Library and Village Hall were very well used,
bringing culture and order and a place to exchange views.
But Barker will bounce back, we always do
In spite of the challenges small town pride and determination
will show through.
We will rebuild, replacing our loss.
We will act quickly with a pleasing design
and appreciate cost.