

The work session scheduled for January 6, 2020 was cancelled due to lack of business.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



January 13, 2020 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance:** Superintendent of Public Works Mark Remington, Bill Tomasine Sr., Billy Tomasine Jr.
Trustee Baker was absent.

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

The **Sales tax** received for December 2019 was \$10, 378.94 an increase of \$2.40 from December 2018.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting December 9, 2019 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

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

Election Resolution #1-2020

RESOLVED, that the Village Election shall be held at the Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road, Barker, NY on March 18, 2020 and the polls shall be open between the hours of Noon and 9:00pm of such day.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the rate of pay for the Election Inspectors shall be \$12.00 per hour, \$120.00 per day

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #1-2020** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

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

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the Village Election being held March 18, 2020

Chairwoman- Grace Bodine
Inspector- Karen Demorest
Alternate- Denise Flagler
Alternate- Kathie Smith

A **motion to approve the appointment** of the above election inspectors was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

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

The Offices of:

Trustee- Two (2) year term
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are open for the upcoming Village election. Petitions began being released on December 31, 2019. The signed petitions must be filed with the Clerk-Treasurer's Office between February 4, 2020 and February 11, 2020 in order to be on the ballot.

Mayor's update on the Lake Ontario Preparedness Group meeting January 9, 2020 @ 7:00pm & REDI Commission

Lake Ontario Preparedness Group Meeting: Presentations were given by Niagara Region Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Wilson, Niagara Destination Team and Niagara River Greenway Commission. The speakers were extremely interesting, as well as informative. Many organizations are working hard to bring tourism to our area despite the high lake levels, mostly via social media. The Fishing Expo that will be held Jan. 17-19, 2020 offers contests and training about fishing and wildlife conservation. Volunteers are needed and will receive a free ticket and parking for the day. Event organizers are asking that anyone who has pictures of local landmarks or interesting local spots are asked to forward them to the event organizers, so people who are here enjoying the expo can explore them. The Army Corp of Engineers were also in attendance, the Mayor did approach them to ask about getting Golden Hill Creek cleaned out. Future talks will ensue. Mayor Nellist did sign a joint resolution against IJC plan 2014 at the meeting, as well.

REDI Commission Update: REDI stands for Resiliency Economic Development Initiative

The REDI Commission provides small businesses with low interest loans affected by high lake levels. Letters supporting less of a match by the business owners have been forwarded to Gov. Andrew Cuomo because these businesses have invested a lot of money since 2017 to combat the damage caused by high lake levels and at this point a 50% match is not feasible for many of the business owners.

A motion to **Renew the Highway Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

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

A motion to **Renew the Water Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motioned Carried.

A motion to **award geotechnical quote to Terracon for the sum of \$4,900 obtain core samples in order to assist with the development of the future Village Hall/Library building** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motioned Carried.

Quotes received:
Terracon \$4,900
CME Associates Inc. \$10,279.50

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

- A budget session for February 3rd immediately following the work session at 6:00pm at the Police Station was set
- Friday, March 6, 2020 is the last day to register with the County board of election in order to be able to vote in the Village Election
- Independent nominating petitions are due between Tuesday, February 4, 2020 and Tuesday, February 11, 2020 by 5:00pm
- Water bills were mailed on Jan. 10th and are due February 10th without penalty, after this billing quarter any unpaid water balances will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection in June
- The Clerk-Treasurer will be in Albany February 9 & 10th for the NYCOM Winter Legislative meeting, as well attend the NYSACVC executive board meeting
- On Thursday, March 19th the Village of Barker will be hosting the NCMCA association at the Barker Fire Hall. At this time I will be presenting lessons learned from the Village Hall fire. The invitation will be opened up to any municipal official that would like to attend from any county for the price of what their meal would cost
- The Clerk-Treasurer was given permission to purchase Election supplies lost in the fire- 2 ballot boxes and one voting booth and several cardboard dividers to be placed on a table as alternate voting areas

Mayor Nellist has been informed that the Library board would like a meeting with the Village board in the near future- date TBD

Mayor Nellist stated that an inquiry into keeping a hive a bees in the Village on Quaker Road. After checking with counsel it was not prohibited in Village Code, but if complaints were received then the issue would have to be revisited. Also, Barker Central School is looking at installing solar arrays on the grounds and at the meeting being held Jan. 13 at 7:00pm the Superintendent was asking for permission to singularly negotiate the terms of this project. The Village may need to update the code to establish boundaries on rooftop and ground solar panels, as well as roof top turbines.

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

- Water loss 4th QTR 2019= 11.61% YR END TOTAL=13%

Superintendent Remington informed the Board that he would be out for approximately 6 weeks at the end of February due to a hip replacement. Mayor Nellist asked if the part time laborers would be able to fill in while he was out and complete any necessary tasks. Superintendent Remington stated they should be fine and are being trained on what needs to be done and when.

No **Code Enforcement Report** was submitted.

- An inspection of 8685 Main Street will take place with representatives of the NORLIC Land Bank corporation on Friday, January 17th
- Annual Report of Code Enforcement Activities must be submitted to the NYS Secretary of State by April 1, 2020

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

Justice Reform- please reach out to your Senators and Assemblyman to voice your concerns regarding the Justice Reform bill passed this past year and the impacts the unfunded mandates will have on our community

- Police Officer interviews being held Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9:30am at the Police Station

Correspondence: NYCOM legislative program 2020 brochure
Niagara County Treasurer’s office-Annual Breakdown of Sales Tax, Mortgage Tax & Snow and Ice removal payments
Williamson Law Book Company- Annual support increase 2020/2021- 2%
Argo Insurance Group- December 31, 2019
Charter Communications- Programming changes- December 9, 2019
Charter Communications- Programming changes- December 23, 2019
Charter Communications- Programming changes- January 10, 2020
Charter Communications- Programming changes- January 13, 2020
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 008 Voucher #'s 240-271
General Fund-\$12,143.37 Water Fund-\$2,898.30 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$16,441.67
A **motion to authorize the audited claims and bill payment by the Board of Trustees** was made by Trustee Seward and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motioned Carried.

Budget Transfer: A1210.4 Mayor Contractual \$75.00 to A1010.4 Board of Trustees Contractual
F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual \$249.00 to F8310.4 Water Administration Contractual
A motion to approve the above budget transfers was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Seward NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Baker
Motioned Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Bill Tomasine Sr.:

Stated that the new streetlight fixture was replaced by National Grid in front of his home and he is very pleased it now works. Also, a foreclosed house across the street from him has had activity and he was wondering what was happening. Code Enforcement Officer Mark Remington stated the bank has now taken possession and inspections were being completed by bank contractors as to remedy issues that need to be addressed. Mr. Tomasine stated this meeting has been very informative.

Board Comment was offered by:

Deputy Mayor Corwin- Bradley: She began by thanking Chief Braughler & K-9 Officer Bartucca for all the help with Light Up Barker. She continued to thank Mark Remington for his contributions, as well. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley would like to do an accommodation for Braughler and Bartucca in the near future. A rain location would like to be set for next year because the event has had horrible rain the last two years. Many tent rental companies will not rent tents in the winter because of the snow load etc. Next year it will begin earlier and end earlier.

Mayor Nellist: Stated that he should have had a certificate of appreciation ready for Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley for setting up and facilitating the Light Up Barker event.

Trustee Seward: Inquired about up to date certification certificates for the police K-9's. They have been confirmed that all K-9's are up to date. Mr. Seward also inquired about the LED Street Lighting project through NYPA. A conference call with updates was held last week and a kick off meeting will be held the last week of January. NYPA is ready to start the design phase with the few remaining municipalities that has not signed on with National Grid.

Trustee Davis: Gave a brief update on the LED Street Lighting program through NYPA. Trustee Davis inquired about the date for this year Light Up Barker, tentatively December 19, 2020. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley asked Trustee Davis to plan another 5k.

A motion for Adjournment was made at 7:56pm by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Seward.

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

Next work session will be Monday, February 3, 2020 @ 6:00pm with Budget Session to immediately follow at the Village Hall/Police Station

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2020 @ 7:00pm- Barker Fire Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

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