

The Work Session meeting scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021 was cancelled due to illness.

**VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2021**  
**@ Barker Fire Hall**



Mayor Aaron Nellist - Absent  
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley  
Trustee Aaron Davis  
Trustee Jordan Gow  
Trustee Melanie Hirschman

In **Attendance**: Superintendent of Public Works Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Mason, Neal Gordon, Sarah Alexander, Sophia Alexander, Kathie Smith, and Lisa Thompson. Mayor Aaron Nellist was absent.

At 7:00pm meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The Sales tax** received for November 2021 was \$11,831.78 an increase of \$1,427.84 from November 2020, but an overall increase in sales tax received since 2020 in the amount of \$16,157.36.

**The Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held November 8, 2021, was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman    NAYS – 0/None    ABSENT-1-Nellist  
Motion Carried.

**Resolution #43-2021**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF BARKER ABOLISHING REGISTRATION DAY FOR VILLAGE ELECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Barker passed a resolution abolishing voter registration day for the Village Election several decades ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Barker suffered the loss of some permanent records from the January 20, 2019, fire that burnt the Village Hall and Barker Library building to the ground that contained such record of abolishment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Barker, after due consideration hereon, has determined that a separate registration day for electors within the village is not warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE HEREBY

**RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of the Village of Barker that, pursuant to New York State Election Law Section 15-118(3), there shall not be any village registration day for village elections.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #43-2021** was made by Trustee Hirschman and a second was offered by Trustee Gow. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman    NAYS – 0/None    ABSENT-1-Nellist  
Motion Carried.

**Resolution #44-2021**

**REJECTING BIDS FOR VILLAGE HALL/LIBRARY FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Village advertised a project for public works, PRC # 2021008825, for the construction of the Village of Barker Village Municipal Building Foundation, and such bids were received and publicly opened at 1697 East Avenue, Barker, New York on November 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village of Barker hereby rejects all bids for PRC # 2021008825 and directs the Village Clerk-Treasurer to notify all bidders.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #44-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and a second was offered by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. Ayes – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman    NAYS – 0/None  
Motion Carried.

**Resolution #45-2021**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR VILLAGE HALL/LIBRARY MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Barker intends to construct a Village Hall building, that has been redesigned to accommodate metal construction; and

**WHEREAS**, a designated portion of the building will house the Village Hall, a meeting room, shared bathrooms, and the Barker Public Library; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees authorizes the bidding of the Village Hall and Library municipal building upon completion of the engineering design plans.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #45-2021** was made by Trustee Davis and a second was offered by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman    NAYS – 0/None    ABSENT-1-Nellist  
Motion Carried.

The NYPA LED Streetlight Project Update was proved by Trustee Davis. He stated the 90% plans have been signed off on and we are awaiting the 100% plan. If the 100% plan is the same as NYPA projected, we will move forward with the final agreement. He also stated they said it is approximately an 8 week lead time before the fixtures will be delivered from the order date.

A motion to approve the NYPA Customer Project Commitment Contract (CPC) and 100% design, as long the project scope was unchanged from the 90% design was made by Trustee Hirschman and a second was offered by Trustee Gow.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman NAYS – 0/None ABSENT-1-Nellist Motion Carried.

Proposed changes to the Chicken Ordinance of the Village Code was brought up for discussion by Trustee Davis. Davis mentioned as of now Village residents are not permitted to have chickens on their properties. Trustee Davis and Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley have both been approached by residents requesting the board to allow residents to own chickens. Trustee Davis provided a draft proposal for Hen Chicken yearly Permits and proposed updated code.

Trustee Davis proposes that residents will have to submit a permit application to the board at a public monthly meeting. He also proposed that the resident may own only 6 hen chickens, no roosters, a maximum sized coop and run, a minimum distance the chicken must be from any dwelling, that the chickens may not free range and that the sale of eggs or chickens would not be permitted.

Trustee Hirschman inquired as to why residents would not be allowed to sell eggs at the road. Davis explained that with only being allowed 6 hens that a resident would not have enough to sell.

The board discussed that the proposed setbacks would limit who could have chickens.

Neal Gordon asked the board where the line would be drawn. Chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys are all poultry.

Trustee Hirschman stated that the coops and runs would have to be inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer The board has tabled this discussion until next month.

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

- ✓ The Village Hall will be closed:
  - Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> -Christmas Eve Observed
  - Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Observed
  - Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> -New Year’s Eve Observed
  - Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year’s Day Observed
- ✓ Independent Nominating Petitions maybe released beginning December 28<sup>th</sup> and are due between February 1-Febrarury 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- ✓ Friday, March 4, 2022, is the last day individuals may register with the NC County board of Elections to be eligible to vote in the Village Election on Tuesday, March 15, 2022

The Public Works Report was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees. The board inquired if the chipper was put away. The windstorm knocked down branches. Mark will take the tractor around and pick the brush up The board commented that the gazebo looks beautiful decorated with lights for the holidays.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees. 2 permits issued: Roof & Deck

Correspondence: NYSLRS Police Dissolution Letter  
Town of Somerset Notice of Public Hearing – Solar Energy Systems  
Town of Somerset Notice of Public Hearing – Battery Storage Systems  
Town of Somerset Notices were left open until next months meeting.  
Charter Communications – Upcoming Programming Changes – December 1 & 31, 2021 & January 1, 2022.  
NC Gallonage Report  
National Grid Routine Tree Maintenance  
INMAR intelligence NYS Drug Take-Back Program  
Tompkins Bank of Castile Notice of combining with affiliates under the new name Tompkins Community Bank

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 007 Voucher #’s 209-252		H3 Fund Voucher #49
General Fund-\$31,971.87	Water Fund-\$11,521.52	T&A Fund-\$2,100.00
TOTAL \$47,347.39		H3 Fund-\$1,754.00

A motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Gow and a second was offered by Trustee Davis. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman NAYS – 0/None ABSENT-1-Nellist Motion Carried.

**Budget Transfer:** A1990.4 Contingency \$3,000.00 to A1420.4 Law-Contractual  
A3120.45 Police Supplies\$384.00 to A9015.8 Police Retirement  
A3120.47 Police Building Maintenance \$1,475.00 to A9010.8 State Retirement  
F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual \$260.00 to F9010.8 State Retirement

A **motion to approve the above budget transfers** was made by Trustee Hirschman and a second was offered by Trustee Gow.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman    NAYS – 0/None    ABSENT-1-Nellist  
Motion Carried.

**Public Comment** was offered by:

Sarah Alexander: Inquired about the resolution passed for the metal construction building bid.

Neal Gordon: Commented that he has been to a few meetings, and that the board have been doing a wonderful job of being stewards of tax dollars. He also stated that he supports you all, so far!

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Hirschman: Thank you for the support and am eager for the new building.

Trustee Gow: Stated that it was nice to see some of the same faces and being engaged. Thank you for coming, it has been noticed and is appreciated!

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Saturday, December 18, 2021 is Light Up Barker. Due to COVID we are only having the Christmas lights/decoration contest again this year. Also, considering a summer fest in the next couple of years.

A **motion for Adjournment was made at 7:30** pm by Trustee Davis and a second was offered by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES – 4 – Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Gow, Hirschman    NAYS – 0/None    ABSENT-1-Nellist  
Motion Carried.

**Next work session will be Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner  
Clerk-Treasurer