

The work session scheduled for September 6th was canceled due to the Labor Day Holiday.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2021 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall



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

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Jeff Dewert, Robin Jansen, Gail Damon, Jon Hotaling, Tracy Carmer, Neal Gordon, NC Center for Economic Development staff: Mike Casale, Andrea Klyczek, Benjamin Bidell, Frank Campbell. Library Board of Trustees arrived at 7:48pm: Kathie Smith, Lisa Thompson, Sarah Alexander, Jessica Monaco & Terry Upton. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley was present via teleconference.

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

A **Presentation by Niagara County Center for Economic Development's Municipal Outreach Program** was given by Director Michael Casale, Andrea Klyczek, Benjamin Bidell and Frank Campbell. The presentation included information about various programs and services offered by the Niagara County Economic Development Agency, as well as the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency. Information was given about the COVID-19 assistance programs, business growth & retention program, workforce training, site selection clearinghouse, NORLIC land bank, property assessed clean energy (PACE), business community enhancement, microenterprise assistance program, tax abatement grant and loan program, NC planning board, demographic and economic data analysis and sport fishing and outdoors promotion. The presentation ended at 7:46pm.

The **Sales tax** received for August 2021 was \$13,254.84 a \$2,749.76 increase from August 2020.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held August 9, 2021 was motioned for approval by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Mayor Nellist stated that the insurance offer for the VH/Library building went from 450,000 to 678,422. After consultation with our attorney, NFA and Argonaut the final offer was adequate monetary settlement and will allow the Village and Library to move forward with rebuilding.

A **motion to accept Argonaut Insurance settlement offer for policy #PE4636020-01 and authorize Mayor Nellist execute necessary paperwork** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Gow.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

A discussion regarding the NYPA LED Smart Street lighting project ensued. Trustee Davis sent an email to NYPA asking several questions and requesting a more feasible economic impact be considered. Mayor Nellist abstained for the discussion. The cost of the project will have a 18.5 year payback instead of the original 5-7 year payback quoted in 2019. The LED fixtures have an approximate life of 20 years. The overall project costs increased significantly making it unbeneficial for the Village to move forward at this time. More answers will be sought as to alternatives to this undertaking, such as going with the National Grid program or doing the project ourselves in installments. Further discussion will be had at the October 4th meeting on how to proceed. There will be costs associated with the engineering and design of the NYPA plan if the Village chooses not to move forward.

A **motion to set Trick or Treat Hours on October 31st, 2021 from 5:00-7:00pm with COVID precautions** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

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

- ✓ Village Tax collection remains open until October 31, 2021 with September penalty being 7% and October penalty at 8%. Unpaid tax notices have been mailed to property owners September 7, 2021.
- ✓ Fall Newsletter input would be greatly appreciated by September 30, 2021. Target mailing date is October 15th

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

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

No permits issued, 4 inspections completed, and 3 violations issued

Trustee Hirschman stated a lot of cleanup has been completed by Village residents.

Correspondence:

NYCOM- Welcome to NYMIR Insurance package
Blue Cross & Blue Shield-Notice of Renewal
NYS Division of Budget-American Rescue Plan Act disbursement
ISO final rating letter/notification
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming/Pricing Changes-August 11, 2021
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming/Pricing Changes-August 27, 2021
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming/Pricing Changes-August 27, 2021
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 004 Voucher #'s 99-132

H-3 Fund Voucher #47 General Fund-\$11,559.84 Water Fund-\$561.51 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00

H-3 Fund-\$788.00 TOTAL \$14,309.35

A **motion to approve the above audited claims by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Gow.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Kathie Smith: Stated the Library and the Village need to complete a contract through each parties' attorney. The VH shell bid documents don't mention the library at all, just a community building, this will have to be addressed with Barton & Loguidice.

Lisa Thompson: Stated the story walk had been installed on Sunday, September 5th in the David Barker Park by Eagle Scout Spencer Pynn. Numbers will be placed on the pole so that people know what order to go in.

Jeff Dewart: Thanked the Village for the combined invite for the NC Economic Development presentation.

Jon Hotaling: Inquiring if the old bank was going to be demolished? Just an structural survey had been completed.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Gow: inquired about the state of the property at 8680 Coleman Road. It's under foreclosure.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradely: Chief Miller sent the Somerset PD police report for August, if it wasn't received, please let her know.

Trustee Hirschman: Expressed gratitude to Spencer Pynn for completing the permanent story walk for the park.

A **motion to enter executive session on the grounds of discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Gow.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 8:10pm.

In attendance during executive session: Mayor Nellist, Trustee Davis, Trustee Gow, Trustee Hirschman, Mark Remington and Amanda Detschner. Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley was not present via teleconference.

A **motion to adjourn from executive session was made at 8:36pm** by Trustee Gow and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

Trustee Davis inquired about transferring the Police Explorer to Somerset PD, this can be done after October 9th, and can be executed at the October 4th meeting.

A **motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:50pm** by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Gow. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Nellist,Davis,Gow,Hirschman NAY-0/None Motion Carried.

No Work Session in October -Next scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00pm @ Barker Fire Hall -No meeting October 11, 2021-Columbus Day Holiday

Respectfully Submitted,

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