

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA



November 14, 2022 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley
Trustee Aaron Davis
Trustee Melanie Hirschman
Trustee David Quiett

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, Attorney Anthony Serianni, BCS Students: Joey Mahar, Brad Cantrell, Kathie Smith and Lisa Thompson arrived at 7:34pm.

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

The **Sales tax** received for October 2022 was \$19,910.61 a \$1,744.32 increase from October 2021.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held October 3, 2022 and Minutes for the special meeting held October 27, 2022 was motioned for approval by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Resolution #29-2022 Designation of Offices to be filled in the next General Election

WHEREAS, the next general election will be held on March 21, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees must designate by resolution and to the public the offices which are to be filled in such election and the term thereof;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1: That the Board of Trustees designated the following offices as vacant on March 31, 2023, to filled at the Village Election to be held March 21, 2023 for the following terms:

Mayor-Two (2) year term
Trustee- Two (2)-year term
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Section 2: The Village is hereby directed to publish this resolution in the Lockport Union Sun & Journal as official public notice.

Mayor Aaron Nellist, Trustee Aaron Davis and Trustee Melanie Hirschman are up for election in March.

A **motion to Adopt Resolution #29-2022** was motioned for approval by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Unpaid Village Tax to the Niagara County Treasurer

A motion to Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to re-levy 9 parcels that remain unpaid in the amount of \$6,180.87 plus \$185.42 in penalty for a total amount of \$6,366.29 was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Main Street Tree Issue

A discussion ensued about the request of a business owner (8677 Main Street) has made to the Village that the tree be removed in front of their business due to the roots heaving the sidewalk and the size of the tree encroaching on their building. Ultimately the Board was in favor of removing the tree in front of 8671 & 8677 Main Street.

A **motion to have the trees removed and root system addressed in front of 8671 & 8677 Main Street with the cost not to exceed \$2,000** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

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

- ✓ Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th, 2022 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Board of a phone call received on 11/10/2022 from a member of the Town's Bicentennial Committee stating that the Town was planning on using the Main Street Park & Main Street on July 21 & 22 for Bicentennial activities. The Village was unaware of the plans and Mayor Nellist will reach out to Tracy Carmer at the Town to ensure all insurance requirements are met before the event takes place. The Village Board would like to have formal requests for such use in writing to be approved at a Board meeting with updates monthly as needed. There was an issue on Halloween where the Town of Somerset Police Department set up in the Main Street Park to do fingerprinting/child ID kits without notification to the Village, if the Village had been notified we could have helped promote the event.

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

3rd QTR 2022-Water Loss 3%

Trustee Hirschman and Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated the Fall decorations placed in the Main Street park looked fantastic and lasted a long time.

Mayor Nellist inquired about the repairs to the loader tractor, which were replacement of pins for the arms and bucket. More repairs are necessary, but due to budget constraints were put on hold.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
Mayor Nellist stated that there continues to be two properties that are being supervised by the Town of Somerset court because of their condition.

Correspondence: NYS DOT CHIPS balance notification-October 5, 2022
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Notification-October 21, 2022
Chater Communications-Upcoming Programming Notification-October 28, 2022
NC Gallonage Report

Public Comment was offered by:
Kathie Smith: Inquired about what she missed at the meeting due to arrival after the Library meeting. Kathie also asked if the public could be let in to the new building during Light Up Barker, even though no interior work has been completed. After a discussion it was advised that allowing the public into the building at this time was a liability, maybe the outside door could be unlocked and the public could look in through the door.

Board Comment was offered by:
Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated Light Up Barker is coming together. She is looking for someone to do hayrides around the Village, another judge to join former Mayor Cheryl Parr and NC Legislator Shawn Foti, cookie decorating, boy scouts selling meat sticks and hot chocolate, smores and campfire, tree lighting and Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance. Lisa Thompson offered to have ornaments to make to decorate the tree in the Gazebo, on behalf of the Library.
Trustee Davis: Stated the Town requested the use of the Main Street Park in late August in person.

A **motion to enter executive session was made 7:42pm to confer with counsel** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Attendance in executive session: All 5 members of the Board of Trustees, Attorney Anthony Serianni, Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Kathie Smith, Lisa Thompson

A **motion to exit executive session was made at 8:01pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Resolution #30-2022 Rejecting All Bids for Phase II Village Hall/Library Construction
WHEREAS, the Village advertised a project for public works, PRC # 2022010241, for the construction of the Village of Barker Village Municipal Building Phase II contracts 1A, 1B, 1C & 1D, and such bids were received and publicly opened at 1697 East Avenue, Barker, New York on October 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker hereby rejects all bids for PRC # 2022010241, and directs the Village Clerk-Treasurer to notify all bidders.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #30-2022** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A **motion to enter executive session was made 8:03pmpm to confer with counsel** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Attendance in executive session: All 5 members of the Board of Trustees, Attorney Anthony Serianni, Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington

A **motion to exit executive session was made at 8:24pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Davis.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 006 Voucher #'s 162-205 H3 Fund Voucher #58
General Fund-\$19,926.54 Water Fund-\$416.31 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 H3 Fund-\$4,795.47 TOTAL \$26,538.32
A **motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Trustee Quiett and seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried

A **motion for Adjournment was made at 8:25pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried

Next work session will be Monday, December 5, 2022 at 6:00pm at Barker Fire Hall
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00pm at Barker Fire Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

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