

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



December 11, 2023 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley
Deputy Mayor Aaron Davis
Trustee Val Ditommaso
Trustee Melanie Hirschman
Trustee- *Vacant*

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Attorney Daniel Seaman

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

The **Sales tax** received for November 2023 was \$15,196.11 a decrease of \$166.67 from November 2022.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held November 13, 2023 was motioned for approval by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A **motion to accept Trustee David Quiett's letter of resignation effective December 11, 2023** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Ditommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A **motion to appoint Amy Dewert, Historian effective January 1, 2024** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

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

- ✓ The Village Hall will be closed:
 - Monday, December 25th -Christmas Eve Observed
 - Tuesday, December 26th- Christmas Observed
 - Monday, January 1st -New Year's Eve Observed
 - Monday, January 2nd - New Year's Day Observed
- ✓ Independent Nominating Petitions maybe released beginning January 2nd and are due between February 6-Febrarury 13th, 2024
- ✓ Friday, March 8, 2024 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 19, 2024
- ✓ Looking to purchase flag stands & flags for the new Board Room at a cost of \$550.00
- ✓ Niagara County IT has informed the Village that they will require us to return the desktop computers used by the Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer that were supplied after the fire, therefore new desktop computers will need to be purchased.
 - HP Pro Small Form Factor 400 G9 Desktop PC Tower \$999.00 x2= \$1,998.00
 - Windows 11 PRO, Intel Core i7 5.3 GHz, 16GB DDR4-3200 MHz RAM, 512 BGPCle NVMe TLC SSD, Intel UPD Graphiics 770
 - DELL Optiplex Small Form Factor Plus \$1,049.00 x2=\$2098.00
 - 13th Gen Intel Core i5-13500 (24 MB Cache, 14 cores, 20 threads, 2.50 GHz to 4.80 GHz Turbo, 65 W, Windows II Pro, Intel Graphics, 16 GB x 8CB DDR5, 5112 GB, Intel xPro Enterprise, 8x DVD +/-RW 9.5mm ODD, Optiplex SFF Plus with 260 W Bronze Power Supply

A **motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Dell Optiplex Small Form Factor Plus computer towers for \$2,098.00** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Niagara County Emergency Management held a Zoom meeting this morning to inform local governments of the efforts being taken by Niagara County regarding the total solar eclipse that will happen in April. Significant influx of tourists are expected because we are one of the prime locations in NYS to view the eclipse. They are asking local governments to report any sanctioned events being held in their communities to help with scheduling of emergency personnel and possible traffic congestion. There is also a concern that cell towers could go down during the event due to large population streaming the event or using their devices. Monthly meeting will be scheduled from now on. Its important that DPW departments, Mayors and other personnel attend to keep up to date on what's being planned.

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

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

1 permit issued- roof

Correspondence:

NYS DOT Bridge NY program letter- November 21, 2023
NC Treasurer Office- Mortgage Tax Distribution- December 2023
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-November 20, 2023
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-December 8, 20213
NC Gallonage Report- November 2023

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 007 Voucher #'s 197-230 H3 Voucher #'s 62-66
General Fund-\$8,856.89 Water Fund-\$9,119.09 T&A Fund-\$700.00 H3 Fund-\$123,814.08
TOTAL \$142,490.06

A **motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Trustee Ditommaso and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Corwin-Bradley,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-1-Davis Motion Carried.

Budget Transfer: A5182.4 Street Lighting \$580.00 to A9010.8 State Retirement
A5182.4 Street Lighting \$3500.00 to A1620.44 Village Hall Contractual
F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual \$102.00 to F9010.8 State Retirement

A **motion to approve the above budget transfers** was made by Trustee Ditommaso and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A **motion to approve the signage proposal for the new building (option 1)** was made Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Ditommaso.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Attorney Daniel Seaman updated the Board on several ongoing issues the Village has been working on, including Woodward Avenue progress. A survey has been ordered to that will show the paper street, property steaks, encroachments/debris.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:
Trustee Hirschman: Stated she would be around to help with Light up Barker (LUB)
Deputy Mayor Davis: inquired about getting an appraisal for the current Village Hall building, so that a fair market value can be established.
Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated that LUB will be from 3:00pm-7:00pm on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Deputy Mayor Davis will drive the judges around. The judges will be Aaron Nellist and Tracy Carmer. There are chicken BBQ tickets available if you know anyone who is looking for them. A good amount of vendors will be present that will sell a variety of wares. Several high school students will volunteer to help with the event, as well.

A **motion for adjournment was made at 7:28pm** by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Ditommaso.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Ditommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Next work session is CANCELED due to the New Year’s Holiday, January 1st, 2024.
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

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