

The Work Session scheduled for January 2, 2023 at 6:00pm was CANCELED due to the observance of the New Year's Holiday.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



January 9, 2023 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance**: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Ruth Dent, Neal Gordon, Catherine Mallon, Tammy Mallon, Kathie Smith, Lisa Thompson, Kent Wakefield, Juli Wilson, Wyatt Equils, Bailey Sikorski, Mason Allee Castro

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

The **Sales tax** received for December 2022 was \$15,273.39 an increase of \$2,281.09 from December 2021.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held December 12, 2022 was motioned by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Resolution #01-2023 Village Election

RESOLVED, that the Village Election shall be held at the Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road, Barker, NY on March 21, 2023 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 \$15.00 per hour, \$150.00 per day

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the Village Election being held March 21, 2023

Chairwoman- Grace Bodine
Inspector- Janet Kerth
Alternate- Karen Demorest
Alternate- Kathie Smith

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #1-2023** including the Election Inspectors was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Resolution #02-2023 Adoption of the Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker, with the assistance from Niagara County Department of Emergency Services, has gathered information and prepared the 2022 Niagara County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Niagara County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Barker Village Board that the Village of Barker, NY adopts the 2022 Niagara County Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #2-2023** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist,Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

NYPA Smart Streetlighting Project will commence the week of January 16, 2023. The LED fixtures were delivered on January 5, 2023 and the National Grid closing of the assets is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 11:00am. Enclosed in the vouchers are two invoices to National Grid to pay for the assets, totaling \$6,092.00. Labels for the poles have been ordered through Scirto's Awards in Lockport and should be received by January 23rd. Attorney Dan Seaman is working on a maintenance contract agreement. The Board expressed excitement as this project has been in the works since March 2019.

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

- Set a budget session for early/mid February- an email with a list of dates will be sent out to the Board
- Friday, March 10, 2023 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 7, 2022 and Tuesday, February 14, 2022
- Water bills were mailed on Jan. 9th 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
- As of January 1, 2023 Clerk-Treasurer Detschner is the President of the Niagara County Municipal Clerks Association

A motion to **accept the resignation of Ruth Dent as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer effective January 16, 2023** was made by Trustee Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Hirschman, Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried. Mayor Nellist thanked Ruth for her service and Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated she appreciated everything she's done for the Village.

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

Water loss for 4th QTR 2022 was 10.74%, up about 6%

No **Code Enforcement Report** was submitted.

1 permit issued- generator

Correspondence:

NYCOM Legislative Agenda 2023
Drum Oil and Propane flyer
NYS Dept of Transportation-Bridge NY Funding
Niagara County Water District raising water rates resolution *
Mayor Nellist stated that the Board will address the increase during the budget process FY 2023-2024
Charter Communications-Upcoming programming/Fee changes-Dec. 16, 2022
NC Gallonage Report-December 2022/ 4th QTR 2022/ Annual 2022

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 008 Voucher #'s 237-276

General Fund-\$25,561.00 Water Fund-\$6,052.70 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$33,013.70

A **motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Hirschman, Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Budget Transfers:

A8140.4 Storm Sewer \$300.00 to A7550.4 Celebrations
A8140.4 Storm Sewer \$600.00 to A8560.4 Shade Tree Contractual
A1990.4 Contingency \$6100.00 to A5182.4 Streetlight Contractual

A **motion to approve the above budget transfers** was made by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Hirschman, Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Neal Gordon: Commended all the members of the Board and Clerk-Treasurer Detschner for their persistence pursuing the LED street lighting project through NYPA and that he's happy to see it come to fruition.

Kent Wakefield: In attendance as a member of the Barker Lions Club to follow up on the drainage issues with the Lion's Club building. Since DPW Superintendent Mark Remington was not in attendance, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner stated Mark had tested the drains by the Lions Club building by opening a hydrant and placing the hose in the drain, the water flowed clearly and did not back up. Mr. Wakefield asked that Mark attend their Board Meeting on January 18th, 2023 at 5:30 to come up with a plan on alleviating the issue.

Kathie Smith: Inquired if there had been an update from Barton & Loguidice. Mayor Nellist stated their has not been and he has called several times, although B&L had some difficulty with their computer systems since the first of the year, no phone calls have been answered. President Smith advised the Board that the library had been awarded a grant from the Gregg Lewis Foundation for shelving for the new building that must be spent by June 2023 or they risk losing it all together. Storage options for the shelving were discussed so they could be purchased now and stored until the new building is done. Mayor Nellist stated is just as frustrated as the Library when it comes to the new building and stated he would call daily until and update is received.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Davis: Stated the Town's Bi-Centennial banquet will be February 11, 2023 from 5:00-11:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall. The tickets are \$50.00/person and can be purchased at the Town Hall beginning this week.

Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated Light Up Barker was a success. Next year she would like to do presale food through the Lions Club by doing a chicken BBQ. The Lions donated hot dogs this year and it went over well. The vendors were happy with their sales and the tent was amazing to keep people warm and dry. The hayrides were a big hit as well.

Trustee Hirschman: Stated she talked with Ken Deluzio of Medina about the PA system Medina uses to play music and announcements along Main Street. He stated it was a very expensive system you would find at large venue concert arena. He suggested renting something to see what's needed and to see how often it would be used.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:32pm** by Deputy Mayor Corwin-Bradley and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Nellist, Corwin-Bradley, Davis, Hirschman, Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Next work session will be Monday, February 6, 2023 @ 6:00pm, Barker Fire Hall

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 7:00pm, Barker Fire Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

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