



# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2023 7:00PM

@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella, Judy Remington, Neal Gordon, Vito & Stasha Peritore, Robert Wendler

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

The **Sales tax** received for May 2023 was \$15,123.23 an increase of \$28.51 from May 2022.

A motion for **approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting May 8, 2023 was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

A motion for **approval of Minutes** for the special meeting held June 1, 2023 was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

## **Resolution # 20-2023**

### **Authorizing a Public Hearing to Discuss Applying for a Community Development Block Grant**

Authorize a Public Hearing to discuss community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2023 program year.

A motion to **ADOPT Resolution #20-2023** was made by Trustee Quiett and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis.

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

## **Resolution #21-2023**

### **Opening the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application**

Opening the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application.

A motion to **ADOPT Resolution #21-2023** was made at 7:01pm by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING** was opened at 7:01pm

### **FY 2023 Community Block Grant Application-Drainage system study of the Village of Barker**

Stormwater study due to poor drainage and extensive flooding within the Village. This study will help plan a capital improvement project and will be used to leverage additional grant funding.

Mayor Corwin-Bradley called upon business owner Vito Peritore Jr to speak. He stated that the issues that he needed to address would fall under public comment, not the public hearing portion. The floor was opened for further comments from the public present, but no one spoke.

## **Resolution #22-2023**

### **Closing the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application**

Closing the Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Application at 7:06pm.

A motion to **ADOPT Resolution #22-2023 at 7:06pm** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis.

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

## **Resolution #23-2023**

### **CDBG Grant Application Signatory**

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker has held a public hearing to obtain citizen's views in relation to the application for funds; and  
WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Community Renewal application process requires that the governing body of the applicant authorize the submission of the application and related actions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barker hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Barker to submit an application to the NYS Office of Community Renewal and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including the execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such addition information as may be required

A motion to **ADOPT Resolution #23-2023** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

## **Resolution #24-2023**

### **Commitment of Funds to CDBG Grant if Awarded**

Committing the Village of Barker to provide a cash match of **\$2,500.00** if awarded a Community Planning Community Development Block Grant to study and analyze the Village of Barker's stormwater drainage system and necessary remediation plans.

A motion to **ADOPT Resolution #24-2023** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis.

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

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

- Village Tax collection is underway, residents can pay without penalty until June 30, 2023, and then 5% penalty for the month of July, 6% for the month of August, 7% for the month of September, 8% for the month of October. Any unpaid tax amounts as of November 1, 2023, will be turned over to NC treasurer for collection in January on the Town/County tax roll.
- Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella passed her notary exam taken 5/24/2023. The application for licensing will be completed this week.
- Ended FY 2022-2023 in a healthy financial status for both general fund and water fund

General Fund  
Revenues Budgeted=\$318,833.00  
Actual Revenue =\$403,457.89  
+\$84,624.89  
Expenditures Appropriated=\$378,703.00  
Actual Expenditures=\$327,014.07  
= (\$51,688.93)

Water Fund  
Revenues Budgeted=\$84,769.00  
Actual Revenues=\$93,105.84  
+\$8336.84  
Expenditures Appropriated=\$84,769.00  
Actual Expenditures=\$76,472.31  
= (\$8296.69)

A **Motion to approve the retainer contract with Seaman & Norris** that was included in the FY 2023-2024 budget was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

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.  
4 permits issued: roof, deck, fence, lean-to  
2 inspections for depth of holes for deck and fence permits

**Correspondence:** NYMIR notice of policy conditional renewal- expiration 8/13/2023  
Town of Huntington Voter’s Identification Resolution  
NC Treasurer June 2023 Mortgage Tax Distribution  
Charter Communications- Upcoming program changes- May 20, 2023  
NC Gallonage Report

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:**

FY END 2022-2023

Abstract 013 Voucher #'s 412-437  
General Fund-\$11,327.02 Water Fund-\$398.65 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 TOTAL \$13,125.67

FY BEGIN 2023-2024

Abstract 001 Voucher #'s 1-17  
General Fund-\$13,332.39 Water Fund-\$27,557.18 T&A Fund-\$0.00 TOTAL \$40,889.57

A **motion to approve the above audited claims and bill payment by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Budget Transfers:**

FY 2022-2023 End

A1410.1 Deputy CT PS \$93.00 to A1410.4 Deputy CT Contractual  
A1410.1 Deputy CT PS \$430.00 to A1420.4 Law Contractual  
A1620.41 VH Electricity \$27.00 to A1620.42 VH Heat  
A1620.43 VH Sewer \$20.00 to A1640.41 DPW Gasoline  
A1640.42 DPW Electric \$74.00 to A1640.41 DPW Gasoline  
A1640.43 DPW Vehicle Maintenance \$510.00 to A1640.41 DPW Gasoline  
A1640.44 DPW Heat \$169.25 to A1640.41 DPW Gasoline  
A1640.45 DPW Misc. Contractual \$75.15 to A1640.41 DPW Gasoline  
A9015.8 Police Retirement \$450.00 to A9030.8 Social Security

A **motion to approve the above FY 2022-2023 budget transfers** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Public Comment** was offered by:

Vito Peritore Jr.: New owners of 1697 East Avenue, introduced his wife Stasha and daughter. The new name will be the Barker Hideaway. A fence will be installed around the rear perimeter of the property and a 20x30 raised fire pit will be constructed off the back deck. They are applying for a temporary liquor license (beer & wine) to get the doors open and business operating, waiting for the permanent license to come through allowing a full bar. New signage will be installed by the road using the existing posts and a metal sign is being fabricated for the building. A buffalo statue will be placed in the back area for photo ops and atmosphere. The hours will be weekdays from Noon to 10 or 11pm and weekends from Noon to Midnight. The Peritore’s are looking to establish a business back in the Village for all to enjoy, not to bring drama or incidents to the Village. After an unfavorable encounter with the neighbor that owns behind the bar, the Peritore’s have decided to purchase the parcel from Bob Wendler so that they can have ample parking for its patrons and in the future install volleyball courts.  
Robert Wendler: Stated that the E. Alivers does own majority of the land surrounding the bar, but he can not stop people from using the ROW between the Wendler property and the Barker Hideaway. Access and provisions must be in the deeds to these parcels, but they have not been obtained from Niagara County at this time. The Peritore’s are excited to move forward and get their business up and running.  
Trustee Hirschman stated their business will have a positive impact on our community and that we are excited for them to open.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Hirschman: Stated she made a Google form to prioritize sidewalk repairs to be made during this budget.  
Deputy Mayor Davis: Google form should have an area to refine the exact areas of improvement  
Trustee Quiett: Asked DPW Superintendent Mark Remington to have the property owners at Coleman Road and East Avenue-north side to trim back the trees that are impeding vision and traffic flow.  
Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Starting to look at Light Up Barker festivities and will be contracting Niagara County Legislator Shawn Foti to see if a community grant could be awarded like last year. A brief Zoom meeting will be held tomorrow, June 13 with Barton & Loguidice to make sure our changes to the bid documents were changed and understood, once approved they will be released to bidders by the end of the week.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:25pm** by Trustee Quiett and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Hirschman,Quiett NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Next work session is CANCELED due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday for Monday, July 3, 2023**  
**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall**

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