

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



October 2, 2023 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Neal Gordon, Lilia Peace, Ben Harrod

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

The **Sales tax** received for September 2023 was \$15,896.65 an increase of \$377.28 from September 2022.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held September 11, 2023 was motioned for approval by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Ditommaso.

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

Resolution #29-2023 Relinquishing Possession of Excess Police Equipment to the NC Sherriff's Department

WHEREAS, the Barker Police Department has been absolved and had equipment which included ballistic helmets, ballistic shields and other miscellaneous equipment used by the former police department;

WHEREAS, the Sherriff proves police protection to the Village of Barker;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, said equipment listed above are hereby declared surplus equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Barker Board of Trustees permanently turns over said equipment to the Sheriff's Department.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #29-2023** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

The **Clerk-Treasurer Financial Reports** were not submitted due to bank statements not being available.

- ✓ Fall 2023 newsletter will be ready to mail by October 17th, please submit any articles you wish to be included by Oct.10^h
- ✓ Water bills for 3rd QTR 2023 will be mailed on October 6th and will be due by November 13th, 2023 without penalty
- ✓ Any remaining unpaid property taxes as of October 31, 2023 will be re-levied onto the Town/County Tax Roll for collection in January 2024
- ✓ Village Hall will be CLOSED Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day, Tuesday, November 7th for Election Day and Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day
- ✓ Health insurance renewal will have to be done by early November, so a special meeting maybe called before the next board meeting

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.

3 permits- 2 roofs & 1 deck

Correspondence:

Charter Communications- Upcoming Programming Changes/Fees-Sept. 12, 2023
Charter Communications- Upcoming Programming Changes/Fees-Sept. 15, 2023
Charter Communications- Upcoming Programming Changes/Fees-Sept. 29, 2023
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 005 Voucher #'s 128-147

General Fund-\$7,078.21 Water Fund-\$702.13 T&A Fund-\$700.00 TOTAL \$8,480.34

A motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

A **motion to approve the listing of the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria on the online auction site** (*previously declared surplus property in the minutes of October 4, 2021*) was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Quiett.

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

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Quiett: Ongoing issues of vandalism, misconduct and littering by local children at the David Barker Park (Main Street) gazebo and playground were reported, as well as pictures sent. This episode consisted of applesauce being smashed all over the playground equipment. A discussion ensued about ways to curb the behavior. A Facebook post

will be made to alert local residents and make parents aware of what has been happening. A letter maybe written to one or more of the individuals' parents with pictures of the damage or a visit to the household to have a conversation with the parents. A lot of time and resources are spent to make the parks beautiful and enjoyable for the community and the lack of respect for public property is alarming.

Deputy Mayor Davis: Stated he would like the Scouting for Food drive in the Fall newsletter. Barker members of Cub Scout Pack 18 in Gasport will be handing out door tags in the Village of Barker on November 4, 2023 for Scouting for food. November 11, 2023 the scouts will return to collect donated nonperishable items. Items collected will be dropped off at Barkers food pantry at Faith united Methodist Church.

The tree at 1695 Quaker Road that splits the sidewalk and the sidewalk was discussed. Deputy Mayor Davis would like to see the tree removed and asked Mark to get a quote.

Trustee Hirschman: Had feedback from a resident that they wanted Trick or Treat hours moved to a weekend. A discussion ensued and alternatives have been tried in the past unsuccessfully. Therefore, the Village Board has kept the hours of 5 to 7pm on the date of Halloween.

Trustee Ditommaso: Stated he noticed less off-road vehicle traffic, but there has been a truck doing burn outs in the intersection of Pallister Ave and Church Street

Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated that Light Up Barker will be held Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. The Lions Club will be doing a chicken BBQ pre-sale only. Trustee Hirschman stated she would like to see caroling door to door, especially to the elderly and shut ins.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 7:17pm** was made by Trustee Quiett and was seconded by Trustee Ditommaso.

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

Next work session will be Monday, November 6, 2023 at 6:00pm at Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00pm at Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road

Respectfully Submitted,

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