

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



January 8, 2024 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

In **Attendance**: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella, Sarah Evans, Neal Gordon, Kathie Smith (7:16pm), Emma Evans, Trent Dickinson, Parker Sircora, Zander Detschner, Michayla Greene, Abby Socie, Isabella Joy, Ryan Jasco

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

The **Sales tax** received for December 2023 was \$15,583.35 an increase of \$309.96 from December 2022.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held December 11, 2023 was motioned for approval by 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.

Resolution #01-2024

RESOLVED, that the Village Election shall be held at the Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road, Barker, NY on March 19, 2024 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 \$17.00 per hour, \$170.00 per day

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #1-2024** 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.

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the Village Election being held March 19, 2024

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

A **motion to appoint the above election inspectors** was made by Trustee DiTommaso 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 **Renew the Annual Highway Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset** (price increases section 1. (A)) was made 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 **Renew the Annual Water Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset** (no changes from 2023) 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.

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

- The Work Session will also be the first budget session on February 5, 2024 at 6:00pm
- Friday, March 8, 2024 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 6, 2024 and Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Water bills were mailed on Jan. 9th and are due February 12th without penalty, after this billing quarter any unpaid water balances will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection in June
- A brief update was given on the Woodward Avenue issue. A surveyor was out January 5th to conduct field work.
- A meeting will be held on January 12th at 1:30pm at the NC Department of Public Works to discuss the upcoming road closure of Quaker Road later this year. The Clerk-Treasurer will attend in place of DPW Superintendent Mark Remington to gather information.
- An update was given about the status of the new Village Hall/ Library building. Natural Gas and Electricity has been connected and turned on as of Friday Jan. 5, 2024. Once the building has sat at temperature for several days the dry wall can be finished, and painting can begin. The ceiling has been delivered.

Public Works Report- No report submitted

Code Enforcement Report- No report submitted

Correspondence:

Town of Somerset- Public Hearing- Zoning Board January 2, 2024
Charter Communications-Upcoming Changes- December 28, 2023
NC Gallonage Report

Niagara USA 250 Celebration committee email notification:

Mission: To share Niagara’s rich and diverse story with the world.
Goals: To garner interest in Niagara County’s history among county residents. To strengthen Niagara County’s status as a heritage tourism destination. To foster stewardship of historic and cultural resources in the county. To build community pride among a diverse population. To strengthen collaborations among historical organizations in Niagara County.
The Committee has asked for 2-3 local projects that are in line with the above statements by the end of January 2024.

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 08 Voucher #'s 231-271 H3 Voucher #'s 67
General Fund-\$15,101.09 Water Fund-\$6,771.95 T&A Fund-\$2100.00 H3 Fund-\$196,019.20
TOTAL \$219,992.24

A **motion to approve the above claims and bill 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 Modification:
FY 2023-2024 Modification to account for budgeting for reserve accounts in the General (A) and Water Fund (F):
Add Revenue Account A1002 Taxes to Fund Reserve \$10,000.00
Modify Revenue Account A1001 Tax Collection \$141,923.00 from \$151,923.00
Add Revenue Account F2402 Meter Water Sales to fund Reserve \$3,033.00
Modify Revenue Account F2401 Meter Water Sales \$81,967.00 from \$85,000.00
A **motion to approve the above budget modifications** was made by Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:
Trustee Hirschman: Stated Light Up Barker (LUB) went very well. Maybe next year alternatives for the cookie decorating could be implemented to make it a more hygienic activity.
Trustee DiTommaso: Inquired about winter parking regulations between the house of Midnight and 6am. It is unlawful to park along the roadsides overnight from November until April. This is to facilitate snow removal efficiently; a warning card will be placed on the vehicle the first time and then the police will be called to enforce the violation.
Deputy Mayor Davis: Gave a quick update on Corn Fest activities July 27, 2024. The 5k will be at 9:00am and the rest of the activities will begin at noon. Main Street will need to be closed from Pallister Ave to Quaker Road. A pavilion quote was obtained for the Main Street Park, but some adjustments need to be made before its finalized. Deputy Mayor Davis also inquired about finding a cleaning service or other arrangement for the new building in the near future.
Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated that LUB event went great and would love feedback on how to improve or add new things for next year. NC Emergency Management Coordinator Jonathan Schulz called to discuss the upcoming solar eclipse event and asked that we let him know of any events taking place that day.

A **motion to adjourn was made at 7:24pm** by 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.

Next work session/budget session will be Monday, February 5, 2024 @ 6:00 pm at the Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Rd.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

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