



# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 2025  
7:00PM

Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley  
Deputy Mayor Aaron Davis  
Trustee Val Ditommaso  
Trustee Melanie Hirschman  
Trustee Alexander Detschner

### Attendance

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

- **Sales tax** received for February 2025 was \$16,801.80, a decrease of \$403.10 from February 2023. A year to date decrease in Sales Tax in the amount of \$1127.66.
- **Approval of Minutes** for the meetings held: February 10, 2025 Monthly Board Meeting  
February 24, 2025 CEO Hearing  
February 24, 2025 Budget Session Minutes  
March 3, 2025 Budget Session

Set a public hearing date and time for FY 2025-2026 Budget (April 7, 2025 at 7:00pm)

### Resolution #9 -2025      **Herbert W. Carr Post #425 Agreement**

WHEREAS, the American Legion, Herbert W. Carr Post #425 was formed in the Town of Somerset/Village of Barker to ensure the remembrance of veterans that have served the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion, Herbert W. Carr Post #425 provides flags of Town/Village veterans to honor Somerset/Barker residents that have served the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Barker desires to assist the American Legion, Herbert W. Carr Post #425 with the placement and removal of said flags on utility poles throughout the Village; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Barker hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Herbert W. Carr Post #425 of the American Legion to assist the American Legion placing and removing veteran's flags on utility poles in consideration of publicity for Town/Village veterans.

### Resolution #10-2025      **Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments**

**Whereas**, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

**Whereas**, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

**Whereas**, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

**Whereas**, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

**Whereas**, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

**Whereas**, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

**Whereas**, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that [Your Municipality] calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

**Be it further resolved**, that [Your Municipality] urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

*A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Robert Ort, Assemblymember Paul Bologna and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).*

**Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports**

- ✓ Any unpaid water accounts as of April 1, 2025 will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection June. Final notices were mailed to each unpaid account on February 21, 2025
- ✓ Please begin to think about the Spring newsletter and any articles that you would like to submit. This newsletter must be kept to 4 pages because of the annual drinking water quality report, target date is April 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Village Election will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 9:00pm at the Village Meeting Room, Village Hall

**Public Works Report**

**Code Enforcement Report**

**Correspondence:**

NYSEG Natural Gas Safety Notice  
 Cornell University-NYS LTAP Center Educational Pamphlets  
 Charter Communications- Upcoming Programming Changes- February 28, 2025  
 NC Gallonage Report- February 2025

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract    Voucher #'s  
 General Fund-\$    Water Fund-\$    T&A Fund-\$    TOTAL \$

**Budget Transfer:**

**Public Comment**  
**Board Comment**  
**Adjournment**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Annual Organizational Meeting Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street, Barker.**

