



VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
March 11, 2024 7:00PM
@ Barker Fire Hall

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

Attendance

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

- **Sales tax** received for February 2024 was \$17,204.90 an increase of \$561.93 from February 2023
- **Approval of Minutes** for the work session/budget session February 5, 2024
monthly board meeting February 12, 2024
budget session February 27, 2024
work session/budget session March 4, 2024

Set a public hearing date and time for FY 2024-2025 Budget (April 1, 2024 at 7:00pm)

Resolution #2 -2024 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 #3-2024 Calling for an Increase in AIM Funding

WHEREAS, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

WHEREAS, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

WHEREAS, New York's local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

WHEREAS, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period; and

WHEREAS, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and Whereas, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and Whereas, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Barker urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget.

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 Michael Norris and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

Permission for Corn Festival community event to utilize the David Barker Park (Main St.) and Main Street closure on July 27, 2024

Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Report

- ✓ Any unpaid water accounts as of April 1, 2024 will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection June. Final notices were mailed to each unpaid account on February 15, 2024
- ✓ 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 15th
- ✓ Village Election will be held March 19th from Noon until 9:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall
- ✓ April 8, 2024- Eclipse Day- NC municipalities are closing at 11:00am or Noon, several are closed. How will the Village handle this?

Public Works Report

Code Enforcement Report- Not submitted

Correspondence:

NYCOM 202 Annual Membership Dues Notice- No Change
Niagara USA 250 Committee Press Release
NC Sales Tax Formula for 2024
Cornell University- Local Roads Program Infographics
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-February 23, 2024
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-February 27, 2024
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 010 Voucher #'s 311-342 H3 Voucher #69
General Fund-\$16,438.61 Water Fund-\$860.56 T&A Fund-\$1400.00 H-3 Fund-\$63,420.40 TOTAL \$82,119.57

Budget Transfers: A1910.4 Insurance \$17.00 to A1920.4 Municipal Association Dues

Public Comment
Board Comment
Adjournment

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Annual Organizational Meeting Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00pm at Barker Fire Hall, 1660 Quaker Road