



**VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**March 14, 2022 7:00PM**  
**@ Barker Fire Hall**

Mayor Aaron Nellist  
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley  
Trustee Aaron Davis  
Trustee Jordan Gow  
Trustee Melanie Hirschman

**Attendance**

**At 7:00pm meeting is called to order by Mayor Nellist by administering the Pledge of Allegiance**

- **Sales tax** received for February 2022 was \$14,213.96 an increase of \$3,956.51 from February 2021
- **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held February 14, 2022

**Appointment of Ruth Dent as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer part time at a rate of \$13.50 per hour**

**Resolution #3-2022 Authorizing the Official M&T Bank signers**

WHEREAS, The Village of Baker has designated M&T Bank as the official depository of all money received by the Village Clerk-Treasurer on April 1, 2021 by Resolution #22-2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: That following are authorized signers to all Village accounts at M&T Bank

Mayor- Aaron Nellist  
Clerk-Treasurer- Amanda M. Detschner  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer- Ruth Dent

Section 2: That this resolution shall take effect on March 14, 2022

**Set a public hearing date and time for FY 2022-2023 Budget (April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm)**

**Trustee Davis introduction of LL#2-2022**

**A Local Law Allowing for the Harboring of Hen Chickens within the Village of Barker**

The purpose of this Local Law is to eliminate the outright prohibition of ownership and harboring of hen chickens within the corporate boundaries of the Village of Barker, and to allow for such harboring through a permitting process. This Local Law is designed to protect the rural residential character of the Village, as well as reduce an overly burdensome restriction on Village residents' property rights.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barker as follows:

Chapter 81, Article II of the Code of the Village of Barker is hereby amended to include the following:

§ 81-9.1. Permitting of hen chickens.

- A. Any person, firm or corporation may harbor, keep, raise or maintain a maximum of six hen chickens within the limits of the Village of Barker by obtaining a chicken harboring permit.
- B. Applicants for a chicken harboring permit must demonstrate adequate shelter and fencing for chickens to be harbored in accordance with the standards listed below:
  - i. Chicken coops shall be located in the rear yard, a minimum of 80 feet from any dwelling and set back a minimum of 10 feet from any lot line. Coops shall be no larger than 20 square feet in size.
  - ii. Chicken runs shall be attached to a chicken coop, located in the rear yard. Chicken runs shall be located a minimum of 80 feet from any dwelling and set back a minimum of 10 feet from any lot line. Chicken runs shall be no larger than 50 square feet in size.

- iii. Chickens' quarters shall be constructed of suitable construction materials consisting of wood frame shelters.
- iv. Fencing and/or other restraint systems shall be sufficient to confine chickens to the coop and run.
- C. Upon successful application, including payment of the permit fee and providing proof of adequate shelter and fencing, the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue the applicant a permit to allow for the harboring of up to six hen chickens. Chicken harboring permits shall expire on June 1 of every year and must be renewed on an annual basis by the applicant. Permit fees shall be established by the Village Board of Trustees by resolution.
- D. Chickens shall remain enclosed at all times, and shall not be permitted to free roam outside of the coop or run. Loose chickens observed or photographed anywhere other than the rear yard of the applicant's premises shall be considered prima facie evidence of inadequate enclosure.
- E. Chicken enclosures shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the accumulation of animal waste. Pending disposal, all animal waste shall be kept in a covered container and shall not emit noxious odors.
- F. Coops shall be covered, predator resistant, and well-ventilated to provide adequate space for each hen chicken.
- G. Chickens shall be kept for personal use only. The sale of chicken eggs generated on the premises or chickens shall be prohibited inside the corporate limits of the Village of Barker.
- H. Failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection shall be grounds for revocation of a chicken harboring permit.
- I. A violation of any provision of this subsection is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 or imprisonment of not more than 15 days, or both.
- This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

## **Set a Public Hearing Date for LL#2-2022- A Local Law Allowing for the Harboring of Hen Chickens within the Village of Barker**

### **Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports**

- ✓ Any unpaid water accounts as of April 1, 2022 will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection June. Final notices were mailed to each unpaid account on February 18, 2022
- ✓ Please begin to think about the Spring newsletter and any articles that you would like to submit. This newsletter has to 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 tomorrow, March 15<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 9:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall

### **Public Works Report**

#### **Code Enforcement Report-No Report Submitted**

### **Correspondence:**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Invitation-NC Business Agriculture Outreach Form-April 8, 2022-9am-3pm  
NYSEG Natural Gas Safety Notice  
Skyler Cruz Wosley-letter regarding traffic safety  
NYS DOT structures Management Engineer personnel change  
Charter Communications- Upcoming program changes-February 28, 2022  
Charter Communications- Upcoming price changes-March 1, 2022  
Charter Communications- Upcoming program changes-March 7, 2022  
Charter Communications- Upcoming program changes- March 14, 2022  
NC Gallonage Report -February 2022

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 010                          Voucher #'s 324-360  
General Fund-\$11,112.36    Water Fund-\$666.71    T&A Fund-\$1,400.00                          TOTAL \$13,179.07

**Budget Transfers:**                    A1410.4 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Contractual \$300.00 to A1325.41 Clerk-Telephone  
  A1410.4 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Contractual \$300.00 to A1620.42 VH-Heat

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

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Annual Organizational Meeting held Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.**