



VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

October 7, 2024 7:00PM
@ Village Hall Meeting Room

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

Attendance

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

- **Sales tax** received for September 2024 was \$16,498.28 an increase of \$601.63 from September 2023.
- **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held September 9, 2024

Permission for the Barker Public Library to hold a “Trunk or Treat” event on Tuesday, October 29th from 5:00-6:30pm in the Village Hall/Library parking lot

Adoption of the Meeting Room Use Policy as written, effective immediately.

Proclamation- Honoring “Kevin” the Peacock

WHEREAS, a peacock was seen wandering in the vicinity of Quaker Road on May 3, 2024 just outside the Village limits; and
WHEREAS, the peacock still wanders the Village of Barker and Town of Somerset to this day; and
WHEREAS, residents in the Village of Barker and Town of Somerset have embraced “Kevin” sightings for months through his own Facebook page named the Legend of Kevin; and
WHEREAS, over time “Kevin” has become a mascot for the Village of Barker and most people consider sightings an honor; and
WHEREAS, “Kevin” has appeared on WGRZ channel 2 and WIVB channel 4 news as Barker’s famous roaming peacock; and
WHEREAS, “Kevin” was even included in the Barker Cornfest Scavenger hunt clues in July of 2024, requesting a selfie with “Kevin”;
and
NOW, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF BARKER, I, Seanna Corwin-Bradley, do hereby deem it an honor to present this proclamation to “Kevin” in appreciation of its presence in our community.

Clerk-Treasurer’s Financial Reports

- ✓ Fall 2024 newsletter will be ready to mail by October 15th, please submit any articles you wish to be included by Oct.10th
- ✓ Water bills for 3rd QTR 2024 will be mailed on October 8th and will be due by November 12th, 2024 without penalty
- ✓ During the next couple of weeks the Village will be moving from UBMax water software to the new gWorks water software. Changes will occur, to what extent is unknown until we are fully trained. I would like to put information regarding this change in the Fall newsletter and a label was placed on the water bill indicating a change will occur shortly.
- ✓ Any remaining unpaid property taxes as of October 31, 2024 will be re-levied onto the Town/County Tax Roll for collection in January 2025
- ✓ The Village FCC broadband radio license expired on September 14, 2024. I did try to renew the license because once you lose it, chances of getting it back are slim. Since Niagara County implemented the countywide narrowband system to comply with the new regulations beginning back in 2014 and since the Village does not comply with the requirements to keep our own license, we are now solely operating under the countywide system. After investigating compliance requirements that were extremely costly and reaching out to the County, the best option was for the Village to stay with the countywide narrowband system.
- ✓ Village Hall will be CLOSED Tuesday, November 5th for Election Day and Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran’s Day

Public Works Report

Code Enforcement Report

No permits were issued in September.

Correspondence: NYSEG/U Dig NY safety information packet
NYS DOT CHIPS/PAVE NY/EWR/POP letter-September 20, 2024
Verizon- single billing transition
Niagara Gospel Mission letter
NC MUSIP-potential new OSHA regulations for fire departments
NC MUSIP- 2025 plan assessment
Highmark Health Insurance-Disabled Dependent verification process
NYSLRS 2025 Projected invoice
Charter Communication-fee changes-September 17, 2024
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 005 Voucher #'s 149-183 H3 Voucher #'s 78
General Fund-\$17,669,17 Water Fund-\$8940.06 T&A Fund-\$1500.00 H-3 Fund-\$11,212.50 TOTAL \$39,321.73

Budget Transfers: A1010.4 Board of Trustees Contractual \$20.00 to A4020.4 Registrar
F8340.4 Transmission & Distribution Contractual \$420.00 to F8310.4 Water Administration Contractual

Public Comment
Board Comment
Adjournment

Next work session will be Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall meeting room

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village meeting room Note change in date due to the Veterans Day Holiday, Monday, November 11th**