



VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

May 2, 2022 6:00pm
@ Barker Fire Hall

Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Seanna Corwin-Bradley
Trustee Aaron Davis
Trustee Melanie Hirschman
Trustee David Quiett

Attendance

At 6:00pm meeting is called to order by Mayor Nellist by administering the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING:

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.

BCS Yorker House Discussion

NYPA LED Street Lighting Project Update

Accept the resignation of April Roessler as DPW laborer effective April 20, 2022

Public Comment

Board Comment

Adjournment

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Barker Fire Hall.