



**VILLAGE OF BARKER
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

June 2, 2014
7:00pm

In Attendance: Mayor Aaron Nellist, Deputy Mayor Mark Wilson, Trustee Gregory Kerth, Trustee Janice Rider, Trustee Kimberly Ruffini and Clerk-Treasurer Amanda M. Detschner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with Mayor Nellist administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were topics of discussion at the work session:

- Participation in the Barker Fire Departments 100th Celebration Parade, July 26, 2014
- Update on the Niagara County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update/paperwork
- Separation of duties between Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
- Niagara County Health Benefits Consortium meeting
- The dedication of the new picnic tables June 12th at 5:30pm
- Board audit of the books
- Standard work day resolution that needs to be executed at the next meeting

The work session adjourned at 7:45pm.

**VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2014 7:00PM**



Mayor Aaron Nellist
Deputy Mayor Mark Wilson
Trustee Gregory P. Kerth
Trustee Janice M. Rider
Trustee Kimberly Ruffini

In Attendance: Police Chief W. Ross Annable, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vicky Baker, Phil Bates, Herb Meyer, Phyllis Hildebrandt, Cameron May and the following Participation in Government students: Megan Hohn, Robert Beiber, and Timothy Murphy. Deputy Mayor Wilson arrived at 7:18pm.

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

The **Sales tax** received for May was \$10,246.20 an increase of \$712.91 from May of 2013.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the Monthly Board meeting on May 12, 2014 at 7:00pm was motioned by Trustee Kerth and seconded by Trustee Rider. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the Emergency Meeting held May 19, 2014 at 5:00pm was motioned by Trustee Rider and seconded by Trustee Ruffini. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials- Resolution #17-2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE OF BARKER/40341 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities maintained and submitted by these Officials to the Clerk of this body.

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name (First and Last)	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates (mm/dd/yy-mm/dd/yy)	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Yes/No-If Yes, do not complete the last two columns)	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
ELECTED OFFICIALS									
MAYOR	6.0	Aaron S. Nellist	7754	40054413		4/1/2013-4/2015	NO	11.92	
TRUSTEE	6.0	Janice M. Rider	6638	60189131		4/7/2014-4/2016	NO	1.59	

A motion to approve Resolution #17-2014 was made by Trustee Rider and seconded by Trustee Kerth. All voted aye to carry the resolution.

The Public is encouraged to participate in the **Niagara County Hazard Mitigation Survey** located at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCountyHMPpublicsurvey>. This link will be live until June 11th. It has been sent in an email to residents, printed in an article in the Union Sun and Journal and posted on our website at www.villageofbarker.org. Any and all feedback from residents of Niagara County is welcomed and appreciated.

The **Barker Fire Department is celebrating their 100th Birthday** in July. After consideration of pricing and availability the decision will be made about how we are going to participate: Marching Unit, Equipment, Antique Vehicle, Band or Float. It was moved that Trustee Ruffini and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer to look at all options and decide by July 5 the best way to participate in the Parade. Trustee Rider moved the motion and Mayor Nellist seconded. All voted in favor carrying the motion. Comment was offered by Herb Meyer regarding the float built last year for the Hartland parade as an option.

The **dedication for the picnic tables** donated by the Barker Business Association will be held June 12, 2014 at 5:30 at the Gazebo in the Park. A brief presentation will be made by Pat Fuller of the Barker Business Association and Mayor Aaron Nellist.

The Village has received a **request to sponsor** a 10 and Under Baseball team for Somerset Youth Baseball League, which was discussed and determined that business should be sponsoring teams, not governments. Therefore, the request was denied.

Trustee Ruffini would like to show **family friendly movies in the Park** during the summer months. She owns the equipment and is willing to facilitate this event. It will be advertised on Face book through Julie Obermiller, placed in the Chatterbox, Julie's newspaper article and flyers placed on orders at PWT. The Board expressed approval for this idea and a motion was made to allow Trustee Ruffini use of the Park for such events. Trustee Kerth offered the motion and Trustee Rider seconded. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

The **Clerks Financial Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board. The Board Audit of Books by Mayor Nellist, Trustee Rider and Trustee Ruffini will be on Tues., June 24, 2014 at 4:30pm. Also submitted was a separation of duties chart outlining the roles of how tasks will be completed from now on, assuring checks and balances of all financial transactions. Water bills will be sent out July 10th. Regarding the Computel's GRT audit, since many companies did not start paying when the law was originally filed we will be receiving money from these companies for the time period in which their payments were delayed. The new accounting software has arrived from Williamson Law and training has begun.

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board. The picnic tables will be placed in the areas we would like to see them, in order to make sure they work well with the layout of the Farmer's Market. Once the decision as to where the optimal placement will be, they will be dug out and placed permanently.

The **Police Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Correspondence:

Barker Fire Department Invitation to participate in the 100th Celebration Parade
 Letter from Supervisor Engert regarding a County Wide Health Benefits Consortium meeting at the Town of Lockport Tues., June 10, 2014 at 7:00pm
 Time Warner Cable notice of programming changes-May
 Time Warner Cable notice of programming changes-June
 NYCOM News Legislative Update
 Shale Gas Drilling letter about survey to follow
 Family and Children's Services of Niagara Invitation to Luncheon/Awards Ceremony Wed., June 11 at Noon
 NYCOM Bulletin regarding Crude Oil Transportation Safety Standards
 Barker Academy of Finance Fair on Wed., June 11 from 5:00pm-7:00pm
 NC Gallonage Report
 First Rehabilitation Life increasing our Disability Benefit for free
 Scott Matheis e-mail regarding Fire Hall's Parade

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstracts 12A-12H Voucher #'s 569-638
 General Fund-\$28,997.91 Water Fund-\$4,197.65 TOTAL \$33,175.56

The motion was made by Trustee Rider and seconded by Trustee Kerth. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Budget Transfer: A1325.1 C/T PS \$675.00 from A1410.1 Dep. C/T PS
 F8310.11 C/T PS \$82.00 from F8310.12 Dep. C/T PS
 A3120.45 Police Supplies \$190.00 from A3120.12 PS Officer

The motion was made by Trustee Kerth and seconded by Trustee Ruffini. All voted in favor carrying the motion.

Public Comment was offered by:

Herb Meyer:

- Would like East Avenue paved between Coleman Road and High Street. It was said that it has the original pavement and should be maintained before it gets too bad. It was decided that a quote will be obtained and the Mayor recognized it as an area of need.
- Since the Village has a local law about harboring cats, he would like to see it enforced. It's been recognized that we have a cat problem, which is why we attempted to work with Feral Cat Focus to TNVR these feral cats. The program was unsuccessful due to lack of volunteers.
- What's happening with the ice rink project? The Mayor offered that due to lack of support and state laws regarding labor have made such a project inactive. It was said that if the support of the project increased it could still come to fruition.

Phil Bates:

- What is the current water loss? He felt that with the completion of the new water lines it should be less. He also expressed that he would like to see 8,000 minimum water bills instead of the 5,000 currently in place.

Phyllis Hildebrandt:

- Inquired about online bill pay. It was explained that there are large fees incurred when it's credit cards, but through the bank it's different. Key Bank likes to charge large fees and the Village is unsure if it would be feasible.

Cameron May:

- Lives at 1724 East Ave and inquired about Code Enforcement of property maintenance regarding houses on East Avenue to the North of him. He's had problems with wildlife, feral cats and insects due to the deteriorating condition of the property next door to his home. He feels that these laws should be enforced and property upkeep made a priority. The upkeep of property is essential to the community as a whole.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Kerth: Inquired as to when Modern Disposal would be sending out the fully automated truck. It was explained that it will be in July when our new Contract takes effect.

A **motion for Adjournment** at 8:02pm was offered by Deputy Mayor Wilson and seconded by Trustee Rider. All voted aye to carry the motion.

Next regularly scheduled work session will be July 7th at 7:00pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 14th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner
Clerk-Treasurer