



VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024 7:00PM

@ Village Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street, Barker

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella, Neal Gordon, Historian Amy Dewart. Deputy Mayor Davis was absent from the meeting.

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

The **Sales tax** received for July 2024 was \$17,334.25 a decrease of \$2,422.85 from July 2023

Approval of Minutes for the monthly board meeting held July 8, 2024 & Special Meeting held July 18, 2024 was motioned for approval by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

A motion to **establish Trick or Treat Hours for Thursday, October 31, 2023 (Halloween) from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** was made by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Detschner. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

gWorks purchased our current company, UB Max several years ago and are no longer going to support the software as of December 31, 2024. If we chose not to upgrade to gWorks then we must find a new company and lose the last 10 years of customer data. I have demoed other water software providers, and the cost were much higher than what gWorks is going to charge to switch over, the other companies ranged from \$9,500 to \$4,500 and did not offer the same level of services.

A motion to authorize to upgrade Water Billing Software to gWorks at an annual cost of \$1,950.00 was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

Gallagher Insurance Agency on NYMIR quote for renewal 8/13/2024

A motion to accept NYMIR policy enrollment for FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$30,020.53 & Cyber Policy in the amount of \$1,299.00 from AmWINS Group/Spinnaker Insurance Company was made by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

The installation of the ADA door openers was not included in the original building specifications because it is not NYS building code that they be installed, but it is necessary to have them due to the funding received through the USDA for the second phase of the water main replacement project. Therefore, installation is necessary in order to comply with funding requirements. An additional expense in the installation will be having an electrician install three outlets above each door to power the opener.

Quotes for the installation of (3) ADA door operators at the new Village Hall/Library building:

One side of each double set of entry doors to the building, the library and the village hallway
Imperial Door Controls, Inc.: \$11,930.00
A 24 HOUR DOOR NATIONAL, INC.: \$10,005.40
Suburban Lock & Key Service: \$9,890.00

A motion to approve the quote provided by Suburban Lock and Key Service at a cost of \$9,890.00 was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

A motion to **authorize the release of bid package for 2025 Chevy Silverado (CH20753) 2500HD double cab pickup truck** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Detschner. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

The **Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Reports** were reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- ✓ An audit of FY 2023-2024 books by members of the Board of Trustees needs to be scheduled in August to comply with NYS OSC requirements. Mayor Corwin-Bradley and Trustee DiTommaso will complete the audit when scheduled.
- ✓ Annual Financial Report (AFR) 2024 has been submitted to the Office of the NYS Comptroller July 23, 2024 and the legal notice was published August 26 & 27th, 2024
- ✓ Tax Collection remains open. Penalty is now 6% and unpaid tax notices will be mailed September 6, 2024. Any unpaid taxes outstanding as of October 31, 2024 will be turned over to Niagara County to be placed on the Town/County taxes for collection in January

- ✓ Labor Day Holiday is the day of the scheduled work session-the work session will be CANCELLED for Sept. 2nd, 2024 and the Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and the Mayor will be attending NYCOM Fall Training School the week of September 16-20, 2024. The Office will be CLOSED Monday, September 16 thru Wednesday, September 18, 2024.
- ✓ Columbus Day Holiday is the date of the October meeting, the meeting will be moved to Monday, October 7th at 7:00pm at Village Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

- DPW Superintendent Remington explained to the Board that on Saturday, August 10 a K-9 (Nose to the Ground) trained to detect chlorine came out to begin detection of our water loss after 8 attempts by Rural Water to pinpoint it. One spot was signaled that Mark will investigate. Quaker Road, West Somerset Road, Woodward and Pallister Avenue were covered. Another day will be scheduled in the near future to complete the rest of the Village roadways.
- Corn Fest clean up wasn't too bad, but it would be nice to have committee members present to help clean up the park after the event in the future.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.

No permits issued

Correspondence: 2023 Niagara County Sheriff's Department Annual Report

Seaman & Norris- Dan Seaman regarding Woodward Avenue
 NYS DOT CHIPS- CHIPS \$48,796.94 PAVE NY\$12,246.58 EWR \$9,889.82 POP \$5,925.77
 NYS DOT letter- New Region 5 Director
 Thank You note from Cheryl Parr regarding the Grand Opening
 NC Gallonage Report- July 2024

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:

Abstract 003 Voucher #'s 63-108 H3 Voucher #'s 76-77
 General Fund-\$55,601.44 Water Fund-\$472.48 T&A Fund-\$2,250.00 H-3 Fund-\$14,523.00
 TOTAL \$72,846.92

A motion to approve the above audited claims and bill payment by the entire Board of Trustees present was made by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None
 ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

No Public Comment was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Detschner: Stated he thought the ADA needs to be installed, but didn't understand why it was missed in the first place when the building specs were released.

Trustee Hirschman: Stated she compiled several gaga ball pit quotes that the Board can look at during the next work session.

Trustee DiTommaso: Stated he's been in contact with a resident that has issues with feral cats, especially having kittens under their porch. Typically, the kittens don't survive because they are ill, and the cycle keeps on happening. The resident will investigate options and present them to the Village. Trustee DiTommaso was unaware of the efforts to curb feral cats' reproduction in 2012-2014 with Feral Cat Focus. Ultimately due to lack of community support, long traveling times and the filth of transporting the feral cats the efforts ceased.

Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Began by thanking DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella for their work in putting the Grand Opening Ceremony together. The mayor received positive feedback from the event from many community members. The Grand Opening was very well attended, also. Mayor Corwin-Bradley also stated the Corn Fest was great for the community and was very well attended.

A motion for adjournment was made at 7:24pm by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None
 ABSENT-1-Davis Motion Carried.

Next work session will be Monday, September 2, 2024 is CANCELLED due to Labor Day Holiday

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Detschner, CMC/RMC/CMFO
 Clerk-Treasurer