



VILLAGE OF BARKER WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 1, 2024

6:00pm @Village Hall Meeting Room

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

In **Attendance:** DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Lisa Thompson, Kathie Smith, Cindy Harris, Ashley Grabowski, Brian Carmer, Vernetta Kenyon

The meeting was opened at 6:02pm with Mayor Corwin-Bradley administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Paving portion of Village Hall parking lot- quotes/discussion**
Three quotes were received from contractors to finish the paving on the east side of the new Village Hall. Prices ranged from 9882.00 to 15,500.00. The Board agreed that they would like that area finished to finish the outside work at the new Village Hall. A discussion ensued about where to take the funds from since that was not budgeted in for in the current budget. A unanimous decision was made to move money from sidewalks to cover the expense to pave and strip the east side of the new Village Hall building.
- **Listing 1697 East Avenue, Barker for sale**
Since the move has been completed for several weeks, the Board would like to move forward with selling 1697 East Avenue property. After a resolution declaring it surplus property at the July 8, 2024, meeting. Attorney D. Seaman would like the property listed at the appraisal price or at a comparable price proven by a licensed real estate agent as first course of action. The Board decided Jennifer Mason would be asked to list the property for one month.
- **Woodward Avenue Issue discussion**
Attorney D. Seman will in attendance at the Monday, July 8th meeting to discuss the Woodward Avenue issue with the property owner and the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees was unanimous in their decision to move forward with resolving the 35+ year dispute about the end of Woodward Avenue.
- **Grand Opening Ceremony**
A discussion ensued with the Library Board members present that the Grand Opening Ceremony will take place on July 26th at 11:00am. This date was chosen because all 5 dignitaries were available to attend: Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Senator Robert Ort, Assemblyman Mike Norris & NC Legislator Shawn Foti. Past Mayors and Board members will be invited, as well. An outline of the event is listed below.
 - Welcome
 - Raising of the Flag and National Anthem- include the Legion members in this
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Village of Barker remarks
 - Barker Public Library remarks
 - Special Guest remarks
 - Ribbon cutting
 - Having members of the fire department hold the ribbon for cutting
 - Guided Tours until 2:00pmA discussion ensued about who else should be invited, decorations, light refreshments will be provided by Barton & Loguidice, as well as having our stormwater drainage study results on display for public comment. Invitations need to be finalized and sent out ASAP, with the library's approval.

No Public Comment was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Detschner: Excited for the opening ceremony and looking forward to the special guests in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Davis: Had a file of building designs from right after the fire until Barton & Loguidice was hired to design and facilitate the rebuilding of the Village Hall & Library. Clerk-Treasurer Detschner took it to be placed in the files from the fire.

Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated she was able to talk to MJP contracting and the pavilion approved for David Barker Park will go up after Corn Fest. Mayor Corwin-Bradley expressed congratulations to Trustee Detschner on his High School graduation that took place the weekend before. A cabinet was donated by Tim Burskol that the Village will be unable to display due to the condition, size and material. Unfortunately, it would have interfered with the ADA compliance of the new building. Cleaner interviews have begun but others still need to be conducted before a decision can be made. Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated she would try to get them scheduled during the week so it could be voted on at the meeting on the 8th.

Trustee Hirschman: Inquired about having a gaga ball pit in the park. Clerk-Treasurer Detschner will contact the insurance company to see about risk or additional cost.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 6:40pm** by Trustee DiTommaso and seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, July 8, 2024, 2024 at 7:00pm @ Village Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street

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