

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



July 8, 2024 7:00PM
@ Village Hall Meeting Room

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella, Attorney Daniel Seaman, Neal Gordon, Jennifer Mason, Aaron Nellist, Lisa Thompson, Kathie Smith

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

The **Sales tax** received for June 2024 was \$15,422.62 an increase of \$859.71 from June 2023.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held June 10, 2024 was motioned for approval by Trustee DiTommaso and seconded by Trustee Detschner.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Resolution #23 -2024 Declaring 1697 East Avenue, SBL #18.10-1-88 Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker owns the property located at 1697 East Avenue, SBL#18.10-1-88 in "AS IS CONDITION", and

WHEREAS, said property is declared surplus and the Village Mayor is authorized to list the above parcel for sale; and WHEREAS, the parcel has been appraised by an independent commercial appraiser to be valued at \$120,000 or a comparable price produced by a licensed real estate agent through research and comps; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Barker Board of Trustees authorizes the mayor to enter into a contract with a licensed real estate agent to list 1697 East Avenue in "AS IS CONDITION".

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #23-2024** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A **Request was received by the Corn Fest committee to allow the use of the Village Hall/Library parking lot for car cruise parking on July 27, 2024.** They are also requesting a garbage receptacle be present and the lot coned off. Vehicles will enter and exit off Pallister Avenue.

A **motion to approve the above request by the Corn Fest** was made by Trustee DiTommaso and seconded by Trustee Detschner.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Aaron Nellist addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the Corn Fest scavenger hunt that will take place from July 22 to July 26th. The scavenger hunt committee would like the local Boards, such as the Town of Somerset, Library and Village to enter teams to compete against each other as friendly competition. Four categories will make up the scavenger hunt will be sites, pictures, businesses and items. All members of the team must be present when participating. Bonus clues will be available, as well.

Quotes were received to finish the paving work on the East side of the new Village Hall/Library building have been received from: 35'x60'

O'Regans Environmental Concepts \$9,882.00- paving and stripping

Beford Blacktop \$10,400.00- paving and stripping

R&M Paving & Sealing \$15,500.00- paving and stripping

A **motion to accept the quote from O'Regans Environmental Concepts at a cost of \$9882.00** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

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

- Tax Collection continues with penalty added as of July 1, 2024, at 5%, August 6%, September 7% and October 8%. Any taxes remaining unpaid as of November 1st will be re-levied onto the Town/County taxes in January
- Water bills for 2nd quarter 2024 (April-June) were mailed out on July 8 and are due August 12, 2024, without penalty
- Schedule a Board Audit of the financial records of the Clerk-Treasurer FY 2023-2024, for late July or August

Permission was granted to attend NYCOM Fall Training School September 16-20, 2024, for both Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Mayor Corwin-Bradley on a motion from Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Trustee Detschner.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

The **Public Works Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
Water loss has increased according to 2nd QTR 2024 reports, after numerous attempts from NYS Rural Water to help locate a leak to no avail. The Board discussed hiring a water specialist, but Mark indicated that we should check each service street by street by shutting down valves.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.
3 permits issued: 1 pool deck & 1 accessory building & 1 shed

Correspondence: Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Fee Changes-June 14, 2024
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes-June 21, 2024
NC Gallonage Report

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 002 Voucher #'s 15-61 H3 Voucher #'s 71-75
General Fund-\$16,927.90 Water Fund-\$7,771.71 T&A Fund-\$1,400.00 H-3 Fund-\$218,367.70
TOTAL \$244,467.31

A **motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees** was made by Trustee DiTommaso and seconded by Trustee Detschner.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-1-Davis Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Kathie Smith: As President of the Library inquired about the following subjects:

- *Are handicap push buttons going to be added to the front entry doors?
- *Asked permission to store rack of tables and chairs in the utility room to free up space in the library
- *Asked to place another shed in the park or behind the building to store belongings so the old shed can be used to house used books for sale when the Friends of the Library run a book sale
- *Inquired if the bathrooms or building would be open during Corn Fest
- *The library will speak at the opening ceremony, as well as the Village
- *Young Adult area is being created to draw in more high school students

The Board stated they would discuss the requests and get back to the library with answers.

Aaron Nellist: Stated that HS fencing out of Batavia is competitive in their pricing. Stated that he sees water in the yard at 1715 Pallister Avenue all year round and maybe that could be a water leak. Mr. Nellist also inquired why Deputy Mayor Davis voted not to pay the bills. Deputy Mayor Davis stated that it is one contractor that didn't listen when the building was being constructed and had to rip work out to fix the mistake. So, he votes no when it comes time to pay them.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Detschner: Stated he's interested in participating in Corn Fest scavenger hunt with the Village and is looking forward to Corn Fest activities.

Deputy Mayor Davis: Stated the last day to sign up for the Corn Fest 5K is June 17, after that date participants can still sign up but won't receive a t-shirt. Deputy Mayor Davis also inquired about the presence of chlorine/fluoride in ground water can indicate a leak in the water system.

Trustee Hirschman: Stated she investigated the cost of a 15ft x15ft gaga ball pit for the park. The pit was \$1000 and another \$1500 for the rubber mat as floor surface instead of using the wood chips.

Trustee DiTommaso: State he would like to be present when rural water comes to do leak protection to see the process and how the equipment works

A **motion to enter Executive Session to seek council from Village attorney at 7:32pm** inviting DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cantella and Neal Gordon was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Attendance in Executive Session: All 5 members of the Board of Trustees, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cantella and Neal Gordon and Attorney Daniel Seaman.
Neal Gordon left executive session at 7:51pm.

A **motion to exit the executive session at 8:06pm** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Resolution #24-2024 Sole Source Keyless Entry System Expansion

WHEREAS, a keyless entry system is necessary to tie into the existing wiring as performed by Armored Alarm;
WHEREAS, the building plan specification is installed as the existing system is unique to Armored Alarm; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees is declaring sole source of the keyless entry system and Armored Alarm is ready, willing and able to install said system in the proposal dated July 8, 2024;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Armored Alarm be contracted to install said keyless entry system expansion system

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #24-2024** was made by Deputy Mayor Davis and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 8:25pm** by Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradley,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Next work session meeting will be Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:00pm at the NEW Village Hall meeting room, 8708 Main Street.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00pm at the NEW Village Hall meeting room, 8708 Main Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

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