

# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



September 9, 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, Madilyn Detschner, Adler Detschner, Shelby Dauphinee, Alexis Dauphinee, Ella Taylor

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

The **Sales tax** received for August 2024 was \$16,368.69 a decrease of \$157.03 from August 2023.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held August 12, 2024 was motioned by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Davis.

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

Mayor Corwin-Bradley and Deputy Mayor Davis stated the proper protocol for road closures is a letter from the event organizer to the Town of Somerset, Town of Somerset PD Chief Miller, Niagara County DPW Commissioner, Barker Fire Department Fire Police and the Village of Barker requesting the road closure and detailed information of the event. To date a letter has not been received from Barker Central School regarding the Homecoming parade. A motion to **approve BCS Homecoming parade route Friday, September 27, 2024 at 5:00pm** from the high school down Quaker to Coleman, Coleman to Pallister, Pallister to Main and back to the school was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.

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

#### **2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Pickup Truck Bid Results**

The sealed bid results were opened August 27, 2024 at 11:00am in the Clerk's Office. The results were as follows:

One bid received in the mail the morning of August 27, 2024

Joe Basil Chevrolet Inc., 5111 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043 \$55,796.00

#### **Resolution #24-2024 Awarding 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Extended Cab Pickup Truck**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Notice to Bidders were received and opened on August 27, 2024 for the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Pickup, and

WHEREAS, the low bidder for the 2025 Pickup Truck was Joe Basil Chevrolet, and

WHEREAS, the Village attorney has viewed the bids and found them to be in conformance with Bid Documents,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the said bid from Joe Basil Chevrolet be awarded in the amount of \$55,796.00; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Notice of the Award of the bid be given to Joe Basil Chevrolet Inc.

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

**An audit of Clerk-Treasurer's Financial Records for FY 2023-2024** took place on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Village Hall. Trustee DiTommaso and Mayor Corwin-Bradley were present to audit the books. The month of February 2024 was chosen at random. The audit concluded at 6:15pm with all financial records found to be in order.

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

- ✓ Village Tax collection remains open until October 31, 2024 with September penalty being 7% and October penalty at 8%. Unpaid tax notices have been mailed to property owners September 6, 2024.
- ✓ Fall Newsletter input would be greatly appreciated by September 30, 2024. Target mailing date is October 11<sup>th</sup>

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

- ✓ Mayor Corwin-Bradley asked DPW Superintendent to decorate the Main Street Gazebo for the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ A brief overview of the Nose to the Ground K-9 leak detection report was given and Mark will call Rural Water to come out and help him shut down mains in order to isolate the leak. The K-9 maybe needed again, but that is undetermined at this time.

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

2 permits issued: 1 roof & 1 shed

**Correspondence**: Nose on the Ground K9 Leak Detection Report (Water Leak), August 10 & 16, 2024  
NC Gallonage Report

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 004 Voucher #'s 109-148

General Fund-\$33,313.46 Water Fund-\$4,188.48 T&A Fund-\$1,500.00 TOTAL \$39,001.94

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

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

No **Public Comment** was offered.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Detschner: Inquired about if the rate of water loss had increased or if it remains the same. Currently it has slightly increased from previous quarters.

Deputy Mayor Davis: Stated the Board should discuss the trip hazard removal quote from Precision Safe Sidewalks LLC. This would be shaving sidewalks where trip hazards are present all over the Village. To do the whole Village it would cost \$42,474, to do Main Street would be \$9504. The quote is broken down road by road, by level of severity and touch points. The Village did budget money for sidewalk repairs this FY, but also needs the feedback from the CDBG Stormwater Drainage study to ensure we aren't going to disturb sidewalks that money was spent on repairs.

Trustee Hirschman: Stated the tire drop off at the Town of Somerset is this week, check out the Village website for the days, times and details. Trustee Hirschman inquired about the process to reserve the pavilion in David Barker Park. Clerk-Treasurer Detschner stated a Policy should be adopted on how the pavilion and meeting room are requested for use, as well as an application that would need to be submitted to the Village when such request is made.

Trustee DiTommaso: Stated after the many states he's lived in, visited and vacationed at he never missed anywhere as much as he did Barker. A brief discussion ensued about dedicating the pavilion in the future, an idea of past Mayors or Vania Barker. This will be revisited in the future.

Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Stated that DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner and herself met with NC DPW Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, NC DPW Engineering Dept. and Barton & Loguidice to discuss the findings of our CDBG Stormwater drainage study, conditions of existing drains and possibility of applying for grant funds in the future jointly on September 6, 2024. Mayor Corwin-Bradley also stated that she had a request to formally acknowledge Kevin the Peacock through a proclamation from a disabled Somerset resident. The mayor was open to the idea of writing a proclamation and videoing the reading and presenting it to the resident in the future.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 7:30pm** by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Corwin-Bradly,Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None  
Motioned Carried.

**Next work session will be the Regular Board Meeting due to the Columbus Day Holiday.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,

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