

***This special meeting was called on August 8, 2025 at 1:25pm by Mayor Davis. The meeting was immediately posted at the Post Office, Village Hall sign board and front door and the Village website.

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES



August 8, 2025
5:00PM

Mayor Aaron Davis
Deputy Mayor Val DiTommaso
Trustee Melanie Hirschman
Trustee Alexander Detschner
Trustee Chloe Lee

In Attendance: Mayor Davis, Deputy Mayor DiTommaso, Trustee Lee, Trustee Detschner, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner, Amy Bellotti. Trustee Hirschman was absent.

At 5:00pm the meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

A brief discussion regarding the contract needed between the Village of Barker and the Ontario Shores Community Organization (aka Barker Corn Festival) ensued. The Corn Fest received an award of \$5,000 from Niagara County Legislator Foti's allocation of community grant funding. The Ontario Shores Community Organization does not have 501c(3) status yet, so Legislator Foti made the check payable to the Village of Barker. Clerk-Treasurer Detschner only found out about this arrangement on the morning of August 8th. Subsequently, after learning what needed to be in place for the Village to accept the community grant funds on behalf of the Corn Festival, it was necessary for a special meeting to be called to accept and execute the contract stating such. The Village would in turn issue a check to the Corn Festival in the same amount as the check received from Legislature Foti.

A motion to Authorize Deputy Mayor DiTommaso to execute the contract between the Corn Festival (Ontario Shores Community Organization) and the Village of Barker allowing the Village to issue a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the Niagara County Legislator Shawn Foti Community grant funds was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Lee.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-DiTommaso, Detschner, Lee NAYS-0/None ABSTAIN-1-Davis Motion Carried.

A motion to Authorize Clerk-Treasurer Detschner to release a check to Corn Festival in the amount of \$5,000.00 dated August 8, 2025 was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Lee.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-DiTommaso, Detschner, Lee NAYS-0/None ABSTAIN-1-Davis Motion Carried.

No **Public Comment** was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Detschner: Stated he found these actions by the Barker Corn Festival irresponsible and will vote no in the future if similar circumstances arise.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 5:06pm** by Trustee Lee and was seconded by Deputy Mayor DiTommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-DiTommaso, Detschner, Lee NAYS-0/None ABSTAIN-1-Davis Motion Carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the monthly Board Meeting Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street, Barker.

Respectfully Submitted,

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