



**VILLAGE OF BARKER  
BUDGET SESSION MINUTES**  
February 10, 2025  
6:00pm

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner, Deputy Mayor Aaron Davis, Trustee DiTommaso, Trustee Detschner & Trustee Hirschman. Mayor Corwin-Bradley was absent from the meeting.

At **6:22pm** the Budget meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Davis.

**Budget lines in the general fund were discussed:**

A1010.1-A5010.4 were reviewed skipping personal service lines. Several lines were left blank pending quotes for services/work to be performed.

A1325.44 Code Publishers for Code Book Update

A1420.4 Attorney waiting for retainer update

A1620.44 VH Miscellaneous for roof rakes to slow down snow shed on the new building

A3310.4 Traffic & Signals- calling a different electrician to see if we can fix the wiring to the blinking light for less than the 9000 quoted last budget year

A **motion to adjourn the budget meeting was made at 6:51pm** by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

**Next budget session will be Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:30pm** at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street, Barker

Follow up **Budget Session was scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025 immediately** following the work session meeting at 6:00pm, Village Hall Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street, Barker

Respectfully Submitted,

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

**VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**



February 10, 2025  
7:00PM

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella, Amy Dewart, Royer Brinson, Piper Brinson. Mayor Corwin-Bradley was absent from the meeting.

At **7:00pm** meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Davis by administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **Sales tax** received for January 2025 was \$19,529.74 a decrease of \$724.56 from January 2024.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held January 13, 2025 was motioned for approval by Trustee Detschner and was seconded Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

**Resolution #4 -2025 Selling 2013 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck & Plow to the Town of Hartland, NY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker owns a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Dump Truck with 9ft plow that was deemed surplus equipment by Resolution #1-2025; and

WHEREAS, a purchase offer was received offering fair and marketable value by the Town of Hartland in the amount of \$24,000;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Barker accepts the offer of \$24,000 from the Town of Hartland for the 2013 Chevrolet 3500 Silverado Dump Truck and plow and transfers the title forthwith.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #4-2025** was made by Trustee Hirshman and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

**Resolution #5-2025 Increase Petty Cash Drawer of Village Hall Office**

WHEREAS, the Village Hall Office accepts payments for Water, Taxes, Building Permits, Extra Garbage Carts and other miscellaneous fees; and

WHEREAS, those payments can be made in the form of cash, checks or credit cards; and

WHEREAS, the current cash drawer amount is \$100.00 and can quickly be depleted if one payment is made in cash requiring change; and

WHEREAS, the lack of cash available has made cash payments difficult to return the proper change in certain circumstances, impacting on the residents ability to settle their account;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Barker that the Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to increase the cash drawer on hand to \$300.00 effective immediately.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #5-2025** was made by Trustee Detschner and seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

**Resolution #6-2025 Declaring 2015 Chevrolet 2500 Silverado Pickup & Plow Surplus Property**

WHEREAS, the Village of Barker bid and purchased a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 5500 Pickup truck with 9ft plow to replace the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Pickup Truck with 9ft plow; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Barker only has a need for one Pickup truck in its fleet;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said equipment is hereby declared surplus equipment/property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Barker Board of Trustees authorizes the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Pickup truck to be placed up for auction with a minimum bid price of \$15,000.00

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #6-2025** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Detschner. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

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

- ✓ Unpaid water as of March 31, 2025 will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for the property, final notices of the deadline will be sent on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> to all unpaid customers
- ✓ The water software switch to gWorks has been dismal. After reaching out to the Chief of Staff for the CEO to get help because the onboarding specialist wasn't communicating with the Village, we were finally able to get answers to the questions we had about the software functionality. The bottom line is gWorks is not as functional as our previous software, even though gWorks bought out our previous software. It doesn't adhere to NYS OSC standards for reporting payments/transactions making it difficult to process payments. The Village will most likely need to begin the process of searching for a new water software if they can't resolve the issues.
- ✓ Friday, March 7, 2025, is the last day for residents to register with the Niagara County Board of Elections to be able to vote on March 18, 2025, Village Election
- ✓ The last day to file an independent nominating petition for the Village Election is Tuesday, February 11, 2025, by 5:00pm

A **motion to accept the resignation of Kathie Smith as part time typist effective December 31, 2024** was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

Trane HVAC proposal for annual service contract that includes software updates, 2 onsite inspections with reports, remote service/troubleshooting at a cost of \$4,485.00. Attorney Seman did state that is a cost that can be split between the Library and the Village.

A **motion to accept the Trane connected building essentials service agreement** at an annual rate of \$4485.00 was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

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

Deputy Mayor Davis inquired about our quantity of road salt and if we have been able to get our shipments.

Issue of the Bus garage completing the fencing around the property to protect the electric bus infrastructure is almost complete, which means that the Village DPW lot will not be accessible off Quaker Road during off hours the bus garage is not open. Written notice still has not been received from Ridge Road Express indicating that our access will be terminated, but they have expressed it verbally. A quote has been received to place a driveway off Woodward Ave. to access the DPW lot at a cost of \$4200.00. Another quote will have to be obtained to comply with the procurement policy. A **motion to authorize the installation of the driveway off of Woodward Ave to the DPW lot not to exceed \$4200.00** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

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

**Resolution #7 -2025 Property Inspection Report Findings, 1707 East Avenue, Barker -SBL#18.10-1-39.1**

The Code Enforcement Officer having filed with this Board a report regarding an unsafe building and property maintenance pursuant to Local Laws Chapters 91 and 93 of the Village Code, and this Board having reviewed said report and considered the same,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, This Board finds that the premises at 1707 East Avenue, Barker, New York is unsafe and dangerous, and that the premises conditions violate the provisions of Chapter 91 and 93 of the Barker Village Code all as set forth in said report, and therefore it is

ORDERED that the attached notice be served upon the owners of the premises:

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

To: Harold and Lynette Hawley

You are hereby notified that you are in violation of the Village Code of the Village of Barker in the following respects: See attached report of the Village Code Enforcement Officer filed with the Village Board.

Please take notice that a hearing will be held by the Village Board on the 24 day of February, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street, Barker, NY 14012, to determine whether the conditions upon the property constitute a public nuisance and

You are hereby notified that you must remove said building within 30 days of service of this notice, and complete removal within 60 days of the services of this notice.

In the event of neglect or refusal to comply with the order of the Board to demolish and remove the Building(s) the Village is authorized to secure the demolition and removal of the buildings to access all expenses thereof against the land (premises) on which it is located, and to institute a special proceeding to collect the cost of demolition and removal of the buildings.

Continued maintenance of a building in a dilapidated or unsafe condition constitutes a violation punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.

A motion to ADOPT Resolution #7-2025 was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:**

NC Treasurer's Office- 2024 Sales Tax, Mortgage Tax & Snow & Ice Removal payments  
NYS DOT SEQR process notification- work in State ROW- January 2, 2025  
Charter Communications- Upcoming programming change- January 28, 2025  
Charter Communications- Upcoming programming change- January 31, 2025  
Charter Communications- Upcoming programming change- February 3, 2025  
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**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 009 Voucher #'s 325-361

General Fund-\$27,080.30 Water Fund-\$536.47 T&A Fund-\$1,500.00 TOTAL \$29,116.77

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

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

**Budget Transfers:**

A1950.4 Taxes on Village Property \$800.00 to A1620.41 VH Electricity  
A1910.4 Insurance \$150.00 to A1620.43 VH Sewer  
A1990.4 Contingency \$2000.00 to A1620.44 VH Contractual  
A7110.42 Parks Portable Toilet \$30.00 to A4020.4 Registrar of Vital Statistics

A motion to approve the above budget transfers was made by Trustee Hirschman and seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

No Public Comment was offered.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Detschner: Inquired about why there's a road salt shortage

Trustee DiTommaso: Stated he attended the funeral service for Gregory Kerth this past weekend. Inquired about the amount of snow accumulated on the south corner of Pallister Ave and Church Street

A motion for adjournment was made at 7:22pm by Trustee Detschner and seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-Corwin-Bradley. Motion Carried.

**Next Budget Session will be Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:30pm**

**Next work session will be Monday, March 3, 2025 at 6:00pm, immediately followed by the Budget Session**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

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