

# VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



January 13, 2025 7:00PM

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella, Neal Gordon, Jennifer Mason, Ireland Brady, Jackson Hauser, Ean Wagner, Alex Ark. Deputy Mayor Davis was absent from the meeting.

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

The **Sales tax** received for December 2024 was \$16,031.28 an increase of \$447.93 from December 2023. A year end increase in sales tax of \$1,741.98.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meetings held December 10, 2024, December 18, 2024 & January 6, 2025 was made by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Detschner. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

#### **Resolution #02-2025 Election Inspector Pay Rate**

RESOLVED, that the Village Election shall be held at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street, Barker, NY on March 18, 2025 and the polls shall be open between the hours of Noon and 9:00pm of such day.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the rate of pay for the Election Inspectors shall be \$19.00 per hour, \$190.00 per day

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #2-2025** was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

#### **Appointment of Election Inspectors for the Village Election being held March 18, 2025**

Chairwoman- Grace Bodine  
Inspector- Karen Demorest  
Alternate- Janet Kerth  
Alternate- Kathie Smith

A **motion to approve the appointment of the above election inspectors** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A motion to **Renew the Annual Highway Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset 2025** (price increases section 1. (A)) was made by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Detschner. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A motion to **Renew the Annual Water Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Somerset 2025** (no changes from 2024) was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

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

- Set a budget session for early/mid February
- Friday, March 7, 2025 is the last day to register with the County board of election in order to be able to vote in the Village Election
- Independent nominating petitions are due between Tuesday, February 4, 2025 and Tuesday, February 11, 2025
- Water bills were mailed on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and are due February 10<sup>th</sup> without penalty, after this billing quarter any unpaid water balances will be re-levied onto the Village tax roll for collection in June
- Information regarding the transition to the new water billing software through gWorks was sent out with the Water Bills, as well as updated resident information sheet to keep our master list of contact information current and a water leak usage chart to show how much a small water leak can impact billable water consumption
- The final submission to close out the NYS DOS LGE Grant for the rebuilding of the Village Hall/Library building was submitted on December 12, 2024, as well as the final project summary report
- The power supply for the ADA automatic openers was installed this morning, the next step is for Suburban Lock & Door company to come and install the openers and buttons which will be done January 16, 2025

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

- DPW Superintendent Mark Remington spoke to Dave Branch at NC Water and our water usage is back to the usage just after the second phase of water lines was installed in 2012. It appears that the leaks that were repaired in Nov and December have solved the large water loss problem.
- The Village was verbally notified by the Bus Garage of Ridge Road Express at 1692 Quaker Road that they will be installing fencing to safeguard the new electrical infrastructure for the EV buses that has been

installed over the past 6 months. Once the fence is installed the Village will not be able to access our lot located behind the bus garage parcel when the bus garage is not open. Therefore, the Village will have to be using the ROW off Woodward Avenue next to the driveway of 8655 Woodward Ave to access the Village DPW lot. Some remediation is going to be needed to make a driveway to the DPW lot off Woodward. DPW Superintendent Mark Remington stated he will get quotes for the work that's needed.

The **Code Enforcement Report** was reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees.  
1 permit issued- fence installation

**Correspondence:** Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes/Fees- December 16, 2024  
Charter Communications-Upcoming Programming Changes/Fees- December 30, 2024  
NC Emergency Medical Services-Letter of Support for EMS-January 10, 2025  
NYS DOT CHIPS letter- January 10, 2025  
National Grid- Removal of Demand Service- December 30, 2024  
Modern Disposal- Letter indicating prices increases for 2025 per Contract  
NC Gallonage Report  
Village Water Comparison 2024/2025

**Approval of Claims and Bill Payment:** Abstract 008 Voucher #'s 279-324  
General Fund-\$15,755.55 Water Fund-\$8,330.28 T&A Fund-\$2,250.00 TOTAL \$26,335.83  
A **motion to approve the above claims and bill payment audited by the entire Board of Trustees present** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Public Comment** was offered by:  
Neal Gordon: Stated the bus garage had deeded 20ft strip of land to the Village 20 years ago for a ROW to access the DPW lot.

**Board Comment** was offered by:  
Trustee DiTommaso: Inquired about the car that is crossing the sidewalk on East Avenue after the fire at 1707 East Ave. Mayor Corwin-Bradley stated the keys were burnt in the fire and is unsure when the owners plan on moving it.  
Mayor Corwin-Bradley: Set up a budget session for Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Village Hall Board Room, 8708 Main Street.

A **motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a purchase offer contract for 1697 East Avenue inviting DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cantella, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner and Jennifer Mason was made at 7:16pm** and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

Present in Executive Session: Mayor Corwin-Bradley, Trustee Detschner, Trustee DiTommaso, Trustee Hirschman, DPW Superintendent Mark Remington, Clerk-Treasurer Detschner, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Cantella and Jennifer Mason.

A **motion to exit Executive Session was made at 7:24pm** by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee DiTommaso.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Resolution #3-2025 Accept Purchase Offer for 1697 East Avenue, Barker**  
WHEREAS, the Village of Barker owns premises commonly known as 1697 East Avenue, Barker New York, and  
WHEREAS, the Village has no use of said premises, and continued ownership is a burden on the Village and it is determined to be surplus property, and  
WHEREAS, said premises is vacant, and is in need of renovation, and  
WHEREAS, said premises has been listed for sale for many months, and the sale offer is a purchase offer from Dominic Ciliberto for the amount of \$30,000.00 cash, now therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the Village Board determines the fair market value of the premises is \$30,000.00, and be it further  
RESOLVED, that the purchase offer from Dominick Ciliberto, dated January 8, 2025, for said amount be accepted and the Mayor is authorized to execute the proffered purchase contract, and to convey said premises to Dominic Ciliberto for the amount of \$30,000.00, and to pay brokerage commissions and all associated conveyance costs from the proceeds of said sale.

A **motion to ADOPT Resolution #3-2025** was made by Trustee DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:26pm** by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.  
The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Corwin-Bradley,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirschman NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Next work session scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025 is CANCELLED due to the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer attending the NYCOM Winter Legislative Workshop in Albany February 2-4, 2025.**

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall Meeting Room, 8708 Main Street**

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