

VILLAGE OF BARKER BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



September 8, 2025
7:00PM

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

In **Attendance:** DPW Laborer Mike Diez and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Laurel Cantella

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

The **Sales tax** received for August 2025 was \$17,900.76 an increase of \$1,532.07 from August 2024.

The **Approval of Minutes** for the monthly board meeting held August 11, 2025 was motioned by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Deputy Mayor DiTommaso.

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

A motion to approve BCS Homecoming parade route Friday, September 26, 2025, 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 Lee and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.

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

A motion to allow the Barker Public to host a Trunk or Treat event, Monday, October 27, 2025, from 5:00pm-6:30pm was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Deputy Mayor DiTommaso.

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

A motion to allow the Barker Public Library to host the FeedMore WNY's Farm Market Program on Tuesday afternoons on a bi-weekly basis, each stop would be for a half hour to an hour in length was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Lee.

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

Quotes for fencing around HVAC units behind the Village Hall/Library Building, 8708 Main Street. To protect the HVAC units from vandalism, debris and

RJZ Properties \$5,388.04

Next Level Carpentry \$4,200.00

A motion to approve the quote from Next Level Carpentry in the amount of \$4,200.00 was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

A motion to approve the carpet Cleaning quote from the Carpet Doctor to clean the Village Hall office and Meeting room carpets for a total of \$463.68 was made by Deputy Mayor DiTommaso and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.

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

The work will be performed while the office is closed the week of September 15-19th.

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

- ✓ Village Tax collection remains open until October 31, 2025, with September penalty being 7% and October penalty at 8%. Unpaid tax notices have been mailed to property owners on September 5, 2025.
- ✓ Fall Newsletter input would be greatly appreciated by September 30, 2025. Target mailing date is October 11th

Public Works Report- No Report submitted

- ✓ Homecoming decorations for Main Street Gazebo, Dance is Saturday, September 27th

Code Enforcement Report- No Report submitted

Trustee Hirschman inquired about responses to complaints, as the Village received two emails the week of August 25th.

Correspondence:

NYSEG smart meter postcard

NYMIR Annual Report 2024

NC Gallonage Report

Charter Communications- Upcoming changes to programming & fees- August 19, 2025

Charter Communications- Upcoming changes to programming & fees- August 26, 2025

Charter Communications- Upcoming changes to programming & fees- August 28, 2025

Charter Communications- Upcoming changes to programming & fees-September 5, 2025

Approval of Claims and Bill Payment: Abstract 004 Voucher #'s 98-126

General Fund-\$21,018.00 Water Fund-\$641.87 T&A Fund-\$1,500.00 TOTAL \$23,159.87

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

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

Budget Transfer: A1910.4 Insurance \$3000.00 to A8540.4 Drainage Contractual

A motion to approve the above budget transfer was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

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

Mayor Davis gave a brief synopsis of an email that was sent to DPW Superintendent Remington on August 26th. The email stated that effective immediately all Village owned assets were to be left at the Village DPW lot after hours. A change from the former administration that allowed the Village pickup to be driven back and forth from Remington's home in the Town of Somerset. Mayor Davis explained that the Village's insurance would be responsible if the Village vehicle happened to have some type of damage, while parked at Remington's home and with the Village's liability being on the line the pickup should stay at the DPW lot. The directive was not directed at one person, but rather to protect the Village's liability and reduce exposure. A new vehicle use policy will be developed that outlines Village assets are left on Village property unless permission is given otherwise. The Village Board agreed with the change and wished to express to DPW Superintendent Remington that this change is not personal in nature, just a shift in the protection of assets and exposure to liability.

No Public Comment was offered.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Hirschman: Stated she had gotten a couple quotes to fix the landscaping on the corner of the park by the Grain House parking lot to delineate between the two spaces and separate the parcels, essentially reclaiming the park property for its intended use. One quote was \$7280 for the landscaping work. Trustee Hirschman asked if it's something the DPW department could facilitate to restore the property and save money. Light Up Barker (LUB) will be held December 13th from 5:00-7:00pm. As a Village sanctioned event all event organizing will be done through Trustee Hirschman, but volunteers can help at the event. The 3rd & 4th grade chorus will perform at 6:00pm. Discussion ensued about vendors, food, activities and costs.

A **motion Adjournment was made at 7:51pm** by Trustee Lee and seconded by Trustee Detschner.

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

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 7:00pm, 8708 Main Street, Barker. This will be the only meeting in October due to the Columbus Day Holiday, October 13, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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