



VILLAGE OF BARKER
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 5, 2026
7:00pm

Mayor Aaron Davis
Deputy Mayor Val DiTommaso- *Absent*
Trustee Melanie Hirschman
Trustee Chloe Kenny
Trustee Alexander Detschner

In **Attendance**: Trent Kenny. Deputy Mayor DiTommaso and DPW Superintendent Mark Remington were absent.

The **meeting was opened at 7:00pm** by Mayor Davis administering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney Dan Seaman has retired as of January 1st, 2026, our account will be shifted to Tom Seaman at Seaman Law LLP.

Mayor Davis discussed the need to write a memo to full-time employees/appointed officials and part-time employees regarding the proper policy for requesting time off or notifying the Village of time off, the need for FMLA paperwork to be completed when a leave will be due to medical and the policy of accruing time properly

The following topics were discussed:

- Code Enforcement violation enforcement complaint received via email regarding 1727 Quaker Road
- Revised Employee Handbook- Draft Copy received from Attorney's office
- Local Law #1-2026 Regulating Battery Storage Systems
This will be introduced at the January 12th meeting and a public hearing set. This Local Law would codify Battery Storage Systems within the Village limits and lift the moratorium in place.
- MPR Grant Program- Round 2 open- deadline is February 9, 2026 – 90/10 split
Barton & Loguidice would like to know if the Village would like to submit a grant application for the multiuse basketball court/ice rink for the Main Street park. B&L will get a ballpark figure to the Village to determine what the 10% match would be.
- Ideas to request funding from the Niagara County Legislator Foti's community partnership funding were discussed:
 - train themed playground equipment
 - Light Up Barker needs
 - generator for new building

A motion **to give permission for Trustee Detschner to attend the NYCOM Winter Legislative conference Feb. 1-Feb. 4, 2026, Albany costing \$375.00** was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Kenny. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Davis,Detschner,Hirschman,Kenny NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-DiTommaso Motion Carried.

Public Comment was offered by:

Trent Kenny: Wished Trustee Kenny a Happy Birthday.

Board Comment was offered by:

Trustee Detschner: Thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the NYCOM Winter Legislative meeting and wished Trustee Kenny a Happy Birthday.

Trustee Hirschman: Wished Trustee Kenny a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Davis: Wished Trustee Kenny a Happy Birthday.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 7:41pm** by Trustee Kenny and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Davis,Detschner,Hirschman,Kenny NAYS-0/None ABSENT-1-DiTommaso Motion Carried.

Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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