

**VILLAGE OF BARKER  
BUDGET SESSION MINUTES**



March 2, 2026  
5:30pm @ Village Hall Meeting Room

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

In **Attendance:** Clerk-Treasurer Amanda Detschner and all 5 members of the Board of Trustees and Trent Kenny.

The **budget session was called to order at 5:42pm** by Mayor Davis.

**Budget session for FY 2026-2027 budget**

The General Fund, Water Fund, Revenues and Salaries as amended on February 23<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed in depth to ensure that the budget put forth was comprehensive and meeting all the Village's needs. Each Board of Trustees member expressed their opinion and thoughts behind their ideas of the budget. Discussions were lengthy and

Mayor Davis stated that he approved of the budget as presented, setting the tax rate at \$8.39/thousand. Deputy Mayor DiTommaso stated he had varying opinions and could see all perspectives and was in favor of setting the tax rate at \$8.39/thousand. Trustee Detschner stated that he approved of the budget as presented but did not agree with the \$100 raises for the Board of Trustees members, as well as setting the tax rate at \$8.39/thousand. Trustee Hirschman stated that she would like the website update and mowing tractor removed from the budget, leaving the \$100 per person raise for the Board of Trustees, as well as setting the tax rate at \$8.39/thousand. Trustee Kenny stated that she would like the website update and mowing tractor removed from the budget, as well as the BOT raises of \$100 per person. Trustee Kenny would like to see the tax rate set at \$8.30/thousand.

It was decided to eliminate the Board of Trustees raise of \$100 each and to leave the website update and mowing tractor in the budget. Therefore, the preliminary budget is set and proposed tax rate of \$8.39/thousand will be presented for Public Hearing Monday, April 6, 2026 at 7:00pm.

A **motion to adjourn the budget session was made at 6:59pm** by Trustee Kenny and a second was offered by Deputy Mayor DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-5-Davis,Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirshman,Kenny NAYS-0/None Motion Carried.

**Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00pm, Village Meeting Room**

Respectfully Submitted,

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



**VILLAGE OF BARKER**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
March 2, 2026  
7:00pm

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

In **Attendance**: All 5 members of the Board of Trustees, Trent Kenny and Mike Diez.

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

The **Revised Employee Handbook was received from Attorney Tom Seaman and the Board of Trustees went through the revisions and added clarification to the following sections:**

- Vacations: procedure to request time off/paper trail
- Department heads are required to attend all Work Session/Budget Session and Monthly Board Meetings
- Sick Days and FMLA requirements
- Compensatory Time: clarification for DPW and Clerk-Treasurer
- Health Insurance
- Retiree Health Insurance: add Medicare requirements into coverage offered at 65 years of age
- DPW Clothing/Boot Allowance: Specify what will be covered and how much will be offered

Extensive conversations ensued about all aspects of the topics listed above to ensure the handbook will be updated thoughtfully, taking into consideration the need for clarification and direction.

Clerk-Treasurer Detschner will make the revisions as requested by the Board of Trustees and will present the revised copy to the Mayor before it is sent back to the attorney for final approval. Once the attorney's final approval is received the Board of Trustees may adopt the new handbook.

Deputy Mayor DiTommaso stepped outside the meeting to take a phone call at 8:08pm.

A **motion to Accept the retirement resignation of Mark D. Remington as DPW Superintendent effective March 31, 2026** was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman.

The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3- Detschner,Hirshman,Kenny NAYS-1-Davis ABSENT-1-DiTommaso  
Motion Carried.

Deputy Mayor DiTommaso returned to the meeting at 8:10pm.

A motion to **Accept the retirement resignation of Mark D. Remington as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer effective March 31, 2026** was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Deputy Mayor DiTommaso. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-4-Detschner,DiTommaso,Hirshman,Kenny NAYS-1-Davis Motion Carried.

A **motion to Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to post the following job openings beginning March 3, 2026:**

- DPW Superintendent
- DPW part time laborer
- Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

was made by Trustee Hirschman and was seconded by Trustee Detschner.

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

No **Public Comment** was offered.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Hirschman: Stated she wouldn't be able to sleep because the Board of Trustees didn't get the \$100 raise as proposed in the budget. Also, that Light Up Barker will not be spearheaded by herself this upcoming year.

Mayor Davis: Stated that the Ontario Shores Community Group may hold Light Up Barker in December.

A motion for **Adjournment was made at 8:26pm** by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Kenny.

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

**Next meeting is the Monthly Board Meeting, Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

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