



**VILLAGE OF BARKER**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
 May 4, 2026  
 7:00pm

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

In **Attendance**: DPW Supervisor Jordan Gow and Mike Diez. Deputy Mayor DiTommaso and Trustee Kenny were absent from the meeting.

The meeting was **opened at 7:01pm** by Mayor Davis administrating the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Tax Warrant**- A motion to Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to collect taxable levy of \$163,402.23, plus \$15,147.06 in unpaid water rents and \$300.00 in unpaid extra garbage cart fees for a total of \$178,849.29. Notice of the 2026 taxes levied shall be published in the Union Sun & Journal once per week for two consecutive weeks was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Davis,Detschner,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-DiTommaso, Kenny. Motion Carried.

**Items for discussion:**

- NYMIR insurance walk through recommendations/suggestions

The letter of recommendations from NYMIR: A fireproof locking cabinet for the DPW garage, unauthorized personnel signs being posted at the DPW garage, sign inventory/inspection implementation, removing children at play signs and park rules/hour signs at both parks. Many of the items have already been addressed such as the fireproof cabinet, posting unauthorized personnel signs and park rules/hours signage. The sign inspection inventory & removing the children at play signs will be implemented shortly.

- RFQ for Engineering Services for CDBG Stormwater Infrastructure Project responses

Three responses for the RFQ for Engineering services for the CDBG Stormwater Infrastructure Project were received by the deadline of April 24, 2026 at 11:00am. The following were the responses:

Order Received	Company	Comments
1	Barton & Loguidice 443 Electronics Parkway Liverpool, NY 13088 315-457-5200 \$195,000	B&L's proposal complied with all RFQ instructions and was extremely thorough. The references were extremely favorable having completed the project on time and on budget, 4 or more similar projects had been completed by B&L
2	SWBR 260 East Main Street Suite 4000 Rochester, NY 14604 585-232-8300 No cost schedule given	SWBR proposal did not comply with the RFQ instructions and lacked vital information such as cost schedule and when the references were contacted, they had not heard of SWBR before, turns out SWBR was hired by Hunt or CPL, they did not complete the project as the sole engineering company. Unable to get references due to the fact the references listed hadn't heard of them
3	DiDonato Associates 689 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 716-656-1900 \$155,500	DiDonato's proposal complied with all RFQ instructions and was comprehensive. Had trouble determining if projects were completed on time and in budget because the references listed did not respond to my request for information through both email and telephone over a day period.

- RFP for Grant Administration for CDBG Stormwater Infrastructure Project response

One response was received from: G&G Municipal Consulting and Grant Writing from Spencerport, NY The RFP response complied with all instructions and came in at \$59,000.00 under the \$75,000 limit. They have administered over \$22,500,000 over 11 CDBG grant funded projects.

- Yoga in the Park

The Board of Trustees members present were in favor of allowing the Yoga in the Park program to continue this summer on Saturday, Mornings. A certificate of insurance from the instructor and a signed hold harmless agreement must be supplied to the Village. An alternate location was discussed in case of rain, which could be the gazebo or the meeting room depending on the situation and number of attendees.

A motion to **amended the Village flag policy to allow the USA 250 flag created by Niagara County** to be flow underneath the United States Flag until December 31, 2026, was made by Trustee Detschner and was seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Davis,Detschner,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-DiTommaso, Kenny. Motion Carried.

Mayor Davis inquired about the installation of the fencing around the RTUs behind the Village Hall. The contractor that had the lowest quote has not completed the work to date and has been reached out to a few times without any response. New quotes are being solicited and the possibility of installing the fence in-house using the DPW department personnel was also discussed. Broken glass has been found around the RTUs and on the east side of the Village Hall building, so we need to take measures to ensure that the equipment isn't being vandalized. The installation of a few outdoor security cameras will be pursued to ensure we are taking all the necessary precautions.

**Public Comment** was offered by:

Mike Diez: Inquired about the purchase of a zero-turn mower and if that would be in addition to the mowing tractor or in place of the tractor. Mayor Davis stated that he would like to add a zero-turn mower to the fleet. Laborer Diez asked if a bagging system could be purchased in conjunction with the zero-turn mower to create efficiency.

**Board Comment** was offered by:

Trustee Hirschman: Inquired about portioning off the section of the Grain House's parking lot that belongs to the Village Park, over time and with snow removal the parking has encroached on the Village Park boundary and to eliminate liability the Board has discussed how to portion off the southeast corner.

A motion for **adjournment was made at 7:40pm** by Trustee Detschner and seconded by Trustee Hirschman. The previous was ADOPTED. AYES-3-Davis,Detschner,Hirschman NAYS-0/None ABSENT-2-DiTommaso, Kenny. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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