

Barker Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 13, 2023
Town of Somerset Building, Haight Road, Barker, NY

Present: Board of Trustees: Kathie Smith, Cynthia Harris, Brian Carmer, Ashley Grabowski, Jessica Monaco, Lisa Thompson

Public: 12 in attendance

Call to Order: President Kathie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Pledge to the Flag

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report of September 11, 2023 was moved for approval by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Vice President Harris. All voted aye.

Treasurer's Report: ·President Smith examined the bills since our last meeting and reported that everything was in order.

·A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of November 13, 2023 was made by Trustee Monaco and seconded by Trustee Carmer. All voted aye.

President's Report: ·President Smith and Director Thompson have attended several Village of Barker meetings regarding the status of the library rebuild

·Attended two trainings through NIOGA

·Worked on policies, tax cap, budget, and MOU with the Friends of the Library

·Contacted Michael Carter at Barker Central School concerning the library's tax payment

Director's Report: Trustee Grabowski moved and Trustee Monaco seconded the motion to approve the Director's Report dated November 13, 2023. All voted aye.

Old Business: · Status of Phase 2 of the Library Rebuild was discussed; Progress on drywall, electrical systems, and concrete work have been noted

New Business:

- Vice President Harris moved and Trustee Carmer seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Friends of the Library. All voted aye.
- Trustee Carmer moved and Trustee Monaco seconded the motion to approve the library holidays for 2024.
- Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to approve payment to the Village of Barker as specified in the lease agreement and according to grant specifications.
- Trustee Grabowski moved and Trustee Carmer seconded the motion to approve the Barker Public Library Board of Trustees evaluation. All voted aye. All trustees should complete this form before the January meeting.
- Vice President Harris moved and Trustee Grabowski seconded the motion to approve the Barker Public Library Director evaluation. All voted aye. All trustees should complete this form before the January meeting.
- Trustee Carmer moved and Vice President Harris seconded the motion to approve the Tax Cap Override Resolution:

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2024 budget for the Barker Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeded the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Barker Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2024 by at least sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on November 13, 2023.

All voted aye.

- Trustee Grabowski moved and Vice President Harris seconded the motion to approved a 9% increase for the 2024 Barker Public Library Budget. All voted aye.
- Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Carmer seconded the motion to set the 2024 salaries and hourly pay for library employees. The Library Director will be paid \$33,000. Library Clerks will be paid the new minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour. All voted aye.

- The 2024 Library Calendar will be sent electronically to all members of the Board of Trustees and the Library Director.

Public Comment: • Several members of the community spoke regarding the importance of the Library Board being accountable to the public. One member thanked the Board for the open dialogue that has been occurring at recent meetings.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm. The location of the meeting is yet to be determined.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Vice President Harris and seconded by Trustee Grabowski at 6:41 pm. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Monaco
Secretary