

Barker Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 2022
Electrical Energy Limited Building
8683 Main Street, Barker, NY

- Present:** Kathie Smith, Sarah Alexander, Brian Carmer, Cynthia Harris, Jessica Monaco, Lisa Thompson
- Absent:** Holly Howland, Terry Upton, Theresa Kennedy
- Call to Order:** President Kathie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report of January 10, 2022 was moved for approval by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Alexander. 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 reports as of March 21, 2022 was made by Trustee Harris and seconded by Trustee Alexander. All voted aye.
 - Director Thompson and Theresa Kennedy have taken care of the Fire Account Collateralization. By doing so, the money that we have in the bank is guaranteed.
 - Director Thompson submitted the 2021 Annual Report to NIOGA at the beginning of March. NIOGA will then send it on to the state.
- President's Report:**
- President Smith met with Mary Eadie at Barker Central School. The request for a 2% increase will be added to the school budget vote in May. There will be no Trustees added to the ballot this year as there will be no election needed.
 - Trustee Howland will be resigning from the Board at the end of March.
- Director's Report:**
- Governor Hochul extended the Open Meeting Law again.
 - NIOGA will be holding a Sexual Harassment Training on April 13 from 5:30-6:30p.m. There will also be a Trustees Workshop held on April 13 from 6:30 - 8:30p.m.
 - Director Thompson has been notified that there have been several challenges to reading material lately at several libraries. The staff has been provided with the "Statement of Concern" script that they can use if challenged. The statement can be found in the BPL Policy Handbook.
 - Director Thompson has been holding Wednesday staff meetings every other month. She has also completed her annual staff reviews.
 - BPL staff will be completing the Sexual Harassment Training on April 16 through NIOGA
 - A motion to approve the Director's report dated March 22, 2022 was made

Old Business: by Trustee Monaco and seconded by Trustee Carmer. All voted aye.
•Talks continue with the Village Board regarding the rebuilding of the Village Hall and Library. Contracts have been signed with the engineer, contractor, and the Village of Barker. President Smith and Director Thompson continue to attend the monthly village meetings.
•The Director’s Evaluation Review has been completed. Changes to the form for next year were discussed.

New Business: •Trustee Alexander moved and Trustee Carmer seconded the motion to change the number of Trustees on the Barker Public Library Board from seven trustees to five trustees effective June 2022.
•Trustee Monaco moved and Trustee Carmer seconded the motion to approve the First Amendment Audit: Public Library Response Policy and Protocol.

Other: •Beginning June 2023, newly-elected trustees will be sworn in during the month of June. This will require that a June meeting will need to be added to next year’s meeting schedule.
•The Board discussed possibilities for the BPL basket for the annual NIOGA meeting on May 18, 2022.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for May 9, 2022, at the Electrical Energy Limited Building, 8683 Main Street, Barker, NY, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Alexander and seconded by Trustee Harris at 6:54 p.m. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Monaco
Secretary

