

**Town of Barre  
Board Meeting  
May 10, 2023**

Present: Supervisor Sean P. Pogue  
Councilman George McKenna  
Councilman Kerri Richardson  
Councilman Margaret Swan  
Councilman David Waters

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk, Bridget O'Toole, Town of Barre Attorney, Cindy Confer, Carmen O'Keefe, Anna Mathes, Eugenia Mathes, Kirk Mathes, Alice Mathes, Scott Burnside, Gary Palmer, Larry Gaylard, Susan Gaylard, Elizabeth Maret, Sherry Bovenzi, Jeremy Bovenzi, Cindy Burnside, Iva McKenna, Steve Coville, Cyndy VanLieshout, Mike VanLieshout, Albert Davis.

Meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by Supervisor Pogue with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes for the April 12, 2023 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	255.38
Justice Fees (March)	4,206.00
Sales Tax (1 <sup>st</sup> pymt)	25,653.22
Metered Sales	7,334.36
Maintenance Fees	2,610.00
Water Penalty Fees	12.08
Other Revenues	<u>4,622.76</u>

Total receipts for the month were: \$ 44,693.80

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are 204,050.16

Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$321,634.95

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Stake outs completed, equipment repairs completed as needed, prepping equipment for spring/summer mowing. Everyone attended an 8 hour training at Carlton Fire Hall. Gravel roads – spring grading. Shared services with Towns of Shelby, Albion, Clarendon. Park: restorations from tilling job of last fall. Summer help started, old salt barn demolished and hauled away.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report Town Clerks report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue at the meeting, along with the check for the local share. The Town Clerk reported that the Tax Roll has been balanced and all taxes will be returned to the Orleans County Treasurer.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

• Tentative Roll is on the website. • Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 23 • The Assessor will be sitting with the roll during my regular hours plus: Saturday, May 13 8am-12pm and Monday, May 15 6-8pm. Weekend and evening hours required by NYS. Residents must make an appointment.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

There have been 5 building permits issued for the month of April.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$430,132.00
Highway Fund	206,998.61
Highway Equip.	100,130.38
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	297,244.42
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	27,048.46
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	17,256.82
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	53,735.12
Water Dist. #5 Oper	52,234.27
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	42,773.70
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	16,458.26
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	32,027.04
Water Dist. #9 Oper.	20,094.80
Trust & Agency	37,775.05

BILLS:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>AA - General</u>	Vouchers: 8749-8817	23,065.80
<u>DA - Highway</u>	Vouchers: 8767-8814	170,089.09
<u>HH - Capital Projects</u>	Voucher # 8756-8787	4,907.50
<u>SW-Special District-Water</u>	Vouchers: 8751-8818	
001	31,436.09	
002	1,803.43	
003	2,203.95	
004	2,604.47	
005	3,214.49	
006	1,803.19	
007	20,413.14	
008	801.28	
009	804.93	
<u>SW Fund Total</u>		<u>65,084.97</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>263,147.36</u>

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #18 Pay Bills

George McKenna made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Hemlock Ridge Solar

No progress.

Baird Solar - Clearing trees, should be starting to put racks in.

Heritage Wind - Carmen O'Keefe reported that Apex has filed an amendment, filed in August, 2022. There have been two requests for additional information, they have responded to both. They are waiting to hear from OREZ that the permit is deemed complete. Next step will be hearings.

Water District #10

The bid opening took place, bids were very high. The Town will have to go back to Rural Development for additional funds.

OLD BUSINESS CON'T

RTO – Rural Technology Operators

Orleans County Legislator Bill Eick reported that the high speed internet is up and working in some parts of the county.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #19                      Spectrum Contract

**In the Matter of the Granting of a Cable Television Franchise Held by Spectrum Northeast, LLC in the Town of Barre, County of Orleans, New York.** An application has been duly made to the Board of the **Town of Barre, County of Orleans, New York**, by Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”), a limited liability company organized and existing in good standing under the laws of State of Delaware doing business at 2604 Seneca Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, for the approval of a renewal agreement for Charter's cable television franchise for fifteen (15) years commencing with the date of approval by the Public Service Commission. The franchise renewal agreement would bring the franchise into conformity with certain provisions of the Federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, as amended, and certain court rulings. A public hearing was held in the Town of Barre, New York on May 10, 2023 at 7 P.M. and notice of the hearing was published in the Batavia Dailey News on April 26, 2023. NOW, **THEREFORE**, the Board of the Town of Barre finds that: Spectrum Northeast, LLC has substantially complied with the material terms and conditions of its existing franchise and with applicable law; and Spectrum Northeast, LLC has the financial, legal and technical ability to provide these services, facilities and equipment as set forth in its proposal attached; and Spectrum Northeast, LLC can reasonably meet the future cable-related community needs and interests, taking into account the cost of meeting such needs and interests. BE IT **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of the **Town Of Barre** hereby grants the cable television franchise of Spectrum Northeast, LLC and the **Town of Barre** for fifteen (15) years commencing With the date of approval by the Public Service Commission and expiring fifteen (15) years hence. BE IT **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of the **Town of Barre** hereby confirms acceptance of this franchise renewal agreement. Sean Pogue made a motion to accept and sign the 15 year contract with Spectrum, seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #20                      Rural Development/Additional Funds/WD#10  
George McKenna made a motion to send a letter to Rural Development requesting additional funds for the Water District #10 project, seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

NEW BUSINESS, Con't

RESOLUTION #21 State Retirement/Standard Work Day  
BE IT RESOLVED, the Barre Town Board hereby established the following as a standard work day for employees for the purposes of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System effective as of January 1, 2023:

Town Clerk	Five day work week, six hour day
Deputy Clerk (part time)	Two day work week, six hour day
Highway Supt.	Five day work week, eight hour day
MEO's	Five day work week, eight hour day
Clerk Part time	Two day work week, six hour day
Assessor	Two day work week, six hour day
Town Justice	One day work week, six hour day
Court Clerk (part time)	Two day work week, six hour day
Town Supervisor	One day work week, eight hour day
Bookkeeper	Five day work week, eight hour day
Councilperson	One day work week, six hour day
Code Enforcement	Two day work week, six hour day
Historian	One day work week, six hour day

Sean Pogue made a motion to pass the resolution establishing the standard work day for the Town of Barre, seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #22 Comprehensive Masterplan  
Kerri Richardson made a motion to submit an article to the HUB and the Batavia Daily News advertising for a group of people interested in working on the Comprehensive Masterplan, asking for letters of interest to be submitted. Motion was seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 5-0, passed.

Barre Betterment Committee

There will be a meeting on May 23, at Cyndy VanLieshout's house. She discussed the Heritage House project, \$50.00/plague, plagues available at the Town Clerks office. June 16<sup>th</sup> will be the annual square dance, to be held at VanLieshouts. The committee delivers meals to three needy families on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, they sent 16-20 Welcome letters to new residents, the egg hunt was a big success. Thank you to Dale and the Highway crew for putting up the American Heros

banners.

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Association of Municipalities Meeting

The May meeting of the Orleans County Association of Municipalities will be May 23, 2023 at the White Birch at 6:30pm. The guest speaker will be Jack Welch, CAO, discussing Sales Tax Distribution.

CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

Jeremy and Sherry Bovenzi shared a letter that was submitted regarding the placement of tower #31, of the Heritage Wind project, it will encroach on a good portion of their property.

David Waters made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret Sawn, vote 5-0, passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk