

Barton Village, Inc.
Regular Trustees Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2023

6:00pm

Barton Village Memorial Hall

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair), Marilyn Prue (trustee), Vera LaPorte (Village Business Manager),
Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk) & Dave Billado

Agenda

- A. **Call to Order:** Gina Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:03pm
- B. **Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions** – Add discussion of today’s flooding 12/18/2023 added under discussion.
- C. **Privilege of the Floor** - None

ACTION ITEMS:

- D. **Minutes from Regular Board of Trustees Meeting December 11, 2023** – Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/11/2023 Trustees Meeting as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. All approved.
- E. **Bills and Warrants** – Gina Lyon made a motion to approve Bills and Warrants as received. Marilyn approved. All approved.
- F. **Bad Debt Write-Offs** – Several electric/water/sewer accounts have been deemed uncollectible due to account holders being deceased/no-contact, or the property being sold before collection attempts were made. This bad debt is typically “written off” at the end of the year.

The Board and Village Business Manager reviewed each account and if the outstanding debt can be transferred over to the landlord (property owner) then that will take place.

Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the bad debt write-offs with additional adjustments made with sending bills to the property owner. Marilyn Prue seconded. All approved.

- G. **Warrant to the Delinquent Tax Collector for Water/Sewer Accounts:** Thirty-eight (38) water/sewer accounts are delinquent by over six (6) months and will be turned over to the Tax Collector for collection. The total delinquency is \$30,682.83.

Service Location	Amount
476 Main St., Barton	\$1,165.32
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46 Porter St., Barton	\$1,707.32
19 Harrison Ave., Barton	\$1,165.32
476 Main St., Barton	\$1,653.54
414 High St., Barton	\$512.62
100 Glover Rd., Barton	\$563.11
493 Main St., Barton	\$214.20
6 Park St., Barton	\$515.58
33 Park St., Barton	\$629.84
195 Glover Rd., Barton	\$1,006.53
281 Park St., Barton	\$598.77
236 Lake St., Barton	\$490.60
43 Lakefront Ln., Barton	\$490.60
35 Highland Ave., Barton	\$1,073.39
283 Elm St., Barton	\$508.84
111 Prospect St., Barton	\$313.57
100 Cherry Tree Ln., Barton	\$515.34
298 Main St., Barton	\$958.80
25 Duck Pond Rd., Barton	\$614.89
380 Park St., Barton	\$1,084.22
268 Elm St., Barton	\$868.26
141 Park St., Barton	\$496.53
100 Roaring Brook Rd., Barton	\$770.88
173 West St., Barton	\$1,557.86
89 Main St., Barton	\$1,981.86
155 High St., Barton	\$882.96
165 Water St., Barton	\$499.69
112 Lincoln Ave., Barton	\$495.66
348 Main St., Barton	\$668.36
381 Main St., Barton	\$1,596.55
332 Elm St., Barton	\$688.52
267 Main St., Barton	\$302.18
253 High St., Barton	\$499.39
367 Lake St., Barton	\$640.87
194 West St., Barton	\$761.50
49 A Davis Ct., Barton	\$1,024.04
	\$30,682.83

A motion was made by Gina Lyon to approve the warrants and delinquent tax collections for water/sewer. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion, all approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- H. **Wastewater Operations Update | Salt/Sand Shed Update | Truck Update | Flood Update:**
Wastewater lagoons have both overflowed due to the rains. The State has been notified per law. Over a million gallons of water have come in since Midnight on 12/17/2023 into 12/18/2023.

Salt/Sand Shed Update: None

Truck Update: None

Flood Update: No Village roads are closed as of 6pm. A few residents have water coming in and have been able to pump the water back out. A logging truck was brought in to remove debris from the Barton River under the bridge on Elm Street.

NEKO will be canvassing the Village of Barton residents on 12/19/2023 to check in on folks and help with food, gift cards, supplies, generators, head lamps.

A greater discussion needs to take place with the Barton Village Leadership and the Barton Town Leadership to come together regarding the Barton River in terms of debris removal, securing river edges. This problem is not going to go away in terms of heavy rainfall, and flooding taking place more regularly.

I. Management/Staff Report None

OTHER ITEMS:

J. Other Business - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Gina Lyon made a motion to enter executive session at 6:48pm for the purpose of discussing potential litigation as allowed under 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E) and to further discuss personnel as allowed under 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3). Marilyn Prue seconded. All approved.

K. Executive Session - Legal Action: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E) – No action taken.

L. Executive Session - Personnel: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3) – Gina Lyon made a motion to extend an offer of employment to Nate Therrien for the Chief Wastewater Operator position. Marilyn Prue seconded, and all approved.

M. Adjourn – 7:30PM

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting: January 8, 2024

Regular Board Meeting: January 22, 2024