Barton Village, Inc. Regular Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 09, 2025

6pm

Barton Village Memorial Building – Back Office**Meeting to be moved downstairs in the event there is an access issue for any attendee or participant. To request meeting be moved to downstairs prior to the scheduled date and time, please call the office at 802-525-4747,

Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 4pm.**

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair, Business Manager), Marilyn Prue (Trustee), Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk), Ed Barber (Newport Daily Express)

Agenda

- A. Call to Order: Gina Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
- B. Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions: Gina Lyon made an addition under Action Items G.
- C. Privilege of the Floor: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

- D. **Minutes from the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting August 26, 2025:** Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented for 8/26/2025. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion carried
- E. **Bills and Warrants:** Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve the bills and warrants as presented. Gina Lyon seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- F. **Financial Reports for Period ending July 2025:** Gina Lyon and Marilyn Prue reviewed the financial reporting for the period ending in July. Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve as presented. Gina Lyon seconded. Motion passed.
- G. **Lien-** There are a few accounts on the books that have potential sales upcoming and have large outstanding utility bills 1) 915 Maple Hill Road Electric \$759.85. 2) 58 Harrison Ave. Both Electric \$556.37 & Water/Sewer \$837.40 3) 836 Cook Road Electric \$1,140.05. Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve the four liens as presented, including the single water sewer lien. Gina Lyon seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- H. Department Operations Updates:
 - Water Treatment Plant: A site visit with the state of VT took place for blending well water with ground source water on 9/3/2025. The well was mapped down to 283 feet. Further mapping took place on 9/8/2025. Tailwater Engineering is working with Jeff Hoffer, Hydrogeologist, on the permit application process and potential funding. Testing is taking place to determine the % of mixing that can take place if the State approves the application.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Solar Bee, which was previously thought to be useful for agitating Lagoon #1, has been assessed and is now considered salvageable. Parts have been ordered and will arrive soon. Additionally, the documents for the Northern

- Border grant were submitted by the deadline, and we hope to be considered for the second phase.
- Barton Electric: A future joint meeting will be scheduled with the Village of Orleans and VPPSA to discuss power supply. This meeting will assist Barton Village with understanding how the Solar project benefits both Barton and Orleans. More to come on this topic. The temporary shutdown of the Hydro Plant has been of significant cost; with the amount of power the Village has had to purchase. NEK Broadband has made payments owed to the Village but were short of \$37,000. Gina Lyon has contacted them, and the missing payment is forthcoming. The NEK Broadband project was part of the reason the Village had to get a \$300K line of credit due to the payments made to tree trimming contractors.
- Hydro Power Plant: Project continues with progress taking place. The headgate has been installed; the power can now be reconnected so they can stop using the generator. The backfill and compaction have started on Penstock #1. The completion date of November is still on track.
- Office: Shelia Martin starts full-time as the Finance Manager/HR Manager on 9/22/2025 with the Village of Barton.
- **Department of Public Works**: Dubois and King were the named engineers for the two FEMA culvert replacement projects. A kick-off meeting will be scheduled in the future. The Lincoln Ave paving project is set to start on Sept 22nd.
- I. Other Business: None.

OTHER ITEMS: -None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

- J. Executive Session Legal Action: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E) if needed. None.
- K. Executive Session Personnel: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3) if needed. None.
- L. Adjourn: Gina Lyon made a motion to adjourn at 6:53pm. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting: 09/23/2025 Regular Board Meeting: 10/14/2025

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jacqueline Laurion – Clerk