

TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Somerset, County of Niagara and the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 8700 Haight Road, Barker, New York on the 8th day of June 2022.

Present:	Jeffrey M. Dewart-----	Supervisor
	Robin R. Jansen -----	Deputy Supervisor
	Jon Hotaling -----	Councilman
	Gail Damon -----	Councilwoman
	Fred Leuer -----	Councilman
	Tracy L. Carmer-----	Town Clerk
	Michael M. Flint -----	Supt. of Highways
	Jonathan D. Dewart -----	Supt. of Water/Sewer/Grounds
	Mindy Austin -----	Confidential Asst. to the Supervisor
	David Haylett-----	Attorney
	Brian Sibiga -----	Engineer

Absent: None

Present: 12 residents and BCS students

Supervisor Dewart called the meeting to order at 6:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer.

RESOLUTION 69-2022

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED:	Ayes	5	Dewart, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon, Leuer
	Nays	0	

Resolved the minutes of the previous meeting on May 11, 2022 are accepted as submitted.

RESOLUTION 70-2022

APPROVAL OF THE SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

On a motion of Councilwoman Jansen, seconded by Councilman Leuer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED:	Ayes	5	Dewart, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon, Leuer
	Nays	0	

Resolved the Supervisor's Monthly report for May 2022 is accepted as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Carmer stated that a letter was received requesting permission to use Town roads and the Town Park (as a rest area) for Bike MS on August 13th. She confirmed with the organizer that the route will not interfere with the Corn Festival being planned in the Village.

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Clerk Carmer advised that the office of Dog Control had their annual audit performed by NYS Ag & Markets and we passed the inspection.

The Herbert W. Carr American Legion Post 425 submitted a Thank You card, which was ready by Clerk Carmer, thanking the Town for the Town's support of the Memorial Day celebration.

RESOLUTION 71-2022

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

On a motion of Councilwoman Damon, seconded by Councilman Leuer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dewart, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon, Leuer
Nays 0

(Resolution attached)

RESOLUTION 72-2022

BIKE MS

On a motion of Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dewart, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon, Leuer
Nays 0

RESOLVED, National Multiple Sclerosis Society is authorized to use Town roads, and the Town Park as a rest stop, for their 62.5 mile "Bike MS" fundraising event on August 13, 2022.

RESOLUTION 73-2022

BARKER FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICANTS

On a motion of Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Damon, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dewart, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon, Leuer
Nays 0

Resolved John Pinkham, Jr. and Craig Butler's applications for the Barker Fire Department are approved.

RESOLUTION 74-2022

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilwoman Jansen, seconded by Councilman Leuer, the following resolution was

ADOPTED: Ayes 5 Dewart, Jansen, Hotaling, Damon, Leuer
Nays 0

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Resolved that the bills have been reviewed by the Town Board and are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund	No. 199	through No. 239	\$ 64,051.33
Highway Fund	No. 50	through No. 61	\$ 143,293.21
Sewer Fund	No. 52	through No. 64	\$ 6,203.39
Water Fund	No. 50	through No. 58	\$ 1,296.68

Supervisor Dewart stated that the Bicentennial Committee held another meeting and the plans are moving along. He thanked the American Legion for the nice Memorial Day Service. Supervisor Dewart announced that the Barker Lion's Club will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on June 18, 2022 at Niagara Shores Resort. He also announced the dates for this year's Tire Drop Off as September 12th-16th from 7:00AM – 3:30PM, and September 17th from 9:00AM – Noon.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Jim Hoffman stated that he has been told that BCS has reached an agreement with Somerset Operating Company for the outstanding PILOT payment, and the plant still owes over \$2million to the County. He discussed a newspaper article on the solar project on Slayton Settlement Road stating that they will not build it if they are not able to obtain a PILOT. He also talked about the solar project at BCS stating that 1,800 panels have been installed and it is not connected to the grid yet. The contractor is responsible for maintenance, and there are piles of brush and soil still sitting there and the grass is 3 feet high.

Norm Jansen would like the Town to amend the ordinance on small animals (chickens, ducks, etc) to allow them on properties with less than 6 acres. He also feels that the fee of \$200 for "pets" is too expensive.

Attorney Haylett will prepare a revised law and circulate it to the board to review.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jansen, seconded by Councilman Leuer, the meeting adjourned at 6:18P.M. subject to the Call of the Clerk.

Tracy L. Carmer, RMC
Town Clerk

Received Date

**Standard Work Day and
Reporting Resolution for
Elected and Appointed Officials**

Employer Location Code

3 0 2 8 7

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A

(Rev.11/19)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Somerset / 30287 hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will

(Location Code)

(Name of Employer)

report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Robin Jansen			Town Board Member	1/1/2022-12/31/2025	7	3.52	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tracy Carner			Town Clerk	1/1/2022-12/31/2025	7	22.35	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Flint			Highway Superintendent	1/1/2022-12/31/2025	7	28.89	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appointed Officials:									
Melinda Austin			Confidential Assistant to the Supervisor	1/1/2022-12/31/2022	7	17.81	<input type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Ecker			Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman	1/1/2022-12/31/2026	7	.15	<input type="checkbox"/>	semiannually	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Remington			Code Enforcement Officer	1/1/2022-12/31/2022	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	biweekly	<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Tracy L. Carner

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

secretary/clerk of the governing board of the

(Circle one)

Town of Somerset

(Name of Employer)

of the State of New York,

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 8th day of June, 2022

on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Somerset

on this day of , 20

(Name of Employer)

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

 and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

(Date)

☐ Employer's website at:

☐ Official sign board at:

☐ Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at:

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(seal)

