

TOWN OF BARTON

DONALD FOSTER, SUPERVISOR

MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Via In-Person

Board Members Present: Supervisor Donald Foster, Councilperson Michael Rice, Councilperson Kevin Everly, Councilperson Jeffrey Coleman, Councilperson David Shipman

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Fred Schweiger, Highway Superintendent; Rebekah Peck, Deputy Town Clerk

Guests:

Dan Shay; Barton, NY

Rich Nichols; Waverly, NY

Matt Freeze; Morning Times

Patty & Andy Aronstam; Waverly, NY

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Donald Foster.

Pledge of Allegiance

Privilege of the Floor

1. Rich Nichols, residing at 420 Acres Avenue, Waverly followed up with the board regarding his high water bill. He stated at the previous meeting it was discussed that a flow test be completed on the old water meter, however it was torn apart and unable to be tested. Supervisor Foster advised that the Town of Barton policy states that if the water goes down the drain to the Waverly Treatment Plant that relief is not granted on the sewer portion.

Supervisor Foster stated that everything was looked over by the Village and there were not any confirmed leaks and that the Town of Barton bases the decision on what the Waverly Water Department and the Water and Sewer Clerk says.

Councilperson Everly advised Mr. Nichols to approach the Waverly Water Commission. Supervisor Foster stated that IF the Village would grant Mr. Nichols relief, then the Town of Barton will grant relief on the sewer portion.

Approval of Minutes: Councilperson Jeff Coleman recommended the minutes of the previous meeting be put on hold pending an edit by Town Clerk Richards-McCarty.

Vouchers: A **motion** to approve the vouchers made by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman.

2025 (Abstract 4):

FUND	VOUCHER NO'S	TOTAL CLAIM
➤ General Fund	57-77	\$9,171.32
➤ Highway Fund	39-54	\$40,137.44
➤ Water/Sewer Fund.....	12-14	\$4,910.66

5-Ayes, 0-Noes

Personnel:

Deputy Town Clerk Rebekah Peck

1. Recycling events have been scheduled from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of May due to Memorial Day. The event dates are posted on our Facebook page, the electronic sign, the Town of Barton website, and the corkboard in front of the building. The scheduled dates are as follows:
 - a. April 28
 - b. May 19 (adjusted for Memorial Day)
 - c. June 30
 - d. July 28
 - e. August 25
2. In accordance with General Municipal Law §300, all municipalities with a population over 1,500 are required to maintain an official website using a ".gov" domain name. I have placed a copy of the statute in each of your folders for reference. This requirement must be implemented by December 21, 2025. Arrah will begin exploring the process of converting our current website to a ".gov" domain upon her return.

Highway Superintendent Fred Schweiger

1. On the ".gov" topic, Donnie, Arrah and I met with IT regarding their new pricing structure. It's not as bad price wise, we will be actually saving about \$2,000. Recommend that we stay with the county IT program. It is safer and they do back up computers regularly and there's a second set of servers up on Carmichael Road.
2. During the Association of Towns advocacy meeting in March, it was mentioned that they are pushing for a CHIPS-like funding structure for sewer and water programs. It hasn't been approved yet with the state budget, however, it might be something we

get additional funding now and then to help with sewer pumps.

3. The highway department switched to 10-hour days. We are 6:00am-4:30pm Monday through Thursday. The first holiday will be taken on April 21st.
4. Road sweeping has been being done as weather permits. We need the rain to keep the dust down, otherwise it becomes unsafe for whoever's operating it.
5. Stanley Blacktop plant opened today, so the crew was out patching today trying to get ahead of what we will be oiling and stoning and having hot pavement roads done. The hot pavement projects will be the completion of Old Barton Road and Cannonhole Road and Ridge road from the four corners of the Talmadge Hill areas. It looks like we can go to about Oxbow road with our budget. Oil and stone treatments: double coats on West Pine, Walker, Valley View, Reeves, Golden and Ellison. Williams, Bonham, Cumber and the north end of Prospect from Tinkham to Ellis Creek will be stone course with the sand seal is what they're trying out now, which cuts the price down and saves some money.
6. No word on any increase in CHIPS funding.
7. Mr. Schweiger presented to the board 3 (three) quotes along with a proposal for building a Salt Shed to provide the Highway Department with more storage, thus offsetting any future supply issues. With the current Salt Shed, the highway department relies on weekly supply drops which isn't a lot of product on hand because it is a small building. Being able to inventory at least half of the procured quota per year will help smooth out any future supply problems. Retaining wall blocks, an asphalt binder floor and a container canopy system would be used for the roof. The walls will be about 10 foot tall with the total dimensions of 42' x 100'. With the Highway Department performing the work, it will eliminate the engineering cost. Mr. Schweiger explained the process, warranties and prices for each of the three quotes provided. Mr. Schweiger recommended using Britspan for the proposed Salt Shed. They are Sourcewell approved contracts, have New York State dealers and come with a 25-year warranty. The Britspan shed would have a 28' dumping center. With the bigger Salt Shed we will still keep the smaller shed for sand/salt mix in the existing shed and it will eliminate leaching and wasted product.

Motion to reserve and hold the Salt Shed made by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman. All in favor.

New Business

1. Steve Frank - Park Outdoor Advertising
Mr. Frank was supposed to be at the board meeting. He will instead be at the May 12th Town Board Meeting.

2. Update Town of Barton Emergency Operations and Pandemic Plan

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 04/14/2025

RESOLUTION NO 16-2025

UPDATE TOWN OF BARTON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND PANDEMIC PLAN

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2020, state legislations was signed requiring all public employers to create plans to protect employees in the event of another health emergency declaration in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the protection of public employees during a public health emergency is a critical aspect of operational continuity; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Barton has met its statutory obligations for dealing with this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Barton Emergency Operations and Pandemic Plan needs to be updated from time to time; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Mike Rice, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman, and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day Monday, April 14, 2025, the Town Board of the Town of Barton adopts the updated Town of Barton Emergency Operations and Pandemic Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

3. Approve Audit of 2025 Justice Court Records

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 04/14/2025

RESOLUTION NO 17-2025

APPROVE AUDIT OF 2024 JUSTICE COURT RECORDS

WHEREAS, Bookkeeper Melanie Sinsabaugh performed a review of the Justice's records on April 10, 2025 using Appendix 10 Annual Checklist; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said findings to the checklist was given to each Town of Barton Board Member for review and approval; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Dave Shipman, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Coleman, and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Barton Town Board did hereby review and approve the aforementioned audit of records performed by Melanie Sinsabaugh; and be it further

RESOLVED, a copy of said findings to the checklist and approved resolution be forwarded to the Town Justice.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

4. Resolution for Western Star Truck

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 04/14/2025

RESOLUTION NO 18-2025

PURCHASE OF 2025 49X WESTERN STAR TANDEM
AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS TRUCK WITH PLOW
BODY

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Barton believes it is necessary to purchase a heavy duty tandem axle cab and chassis truck to replace one of the Town of Barton's aging dump trucks; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Road Equipment has a proposal that meets the Town of Barton's needs; and

WHEREAS, this purchase meets state bid requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Jeff Coleman, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman, and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Barton Town Board authorizes the purchase of a 2025 Western Star tandem axle cab and chassis dump and plow truck with Tenco 14' all-season body/plow package in the amount of \$331,000.00; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this expenditure is subject to a permissible referendum.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

5. Discussion on Karen L Garrity/Furry Friends Inn Agreement with Town of Barton

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BARTON TOWN BOARD

ADOPTED 04/14/2025

RESOLUTION NO 19-2025

APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN KAREN L.
GARRITY / FURRY FRIEND INN AND THE TOWN
OF BARTON

WHEREAS, due to increasing state regulations, Stray Haven Humane Society will no longer accept dogs from the Town of Barton; and

WHEREAS, the Barton Town Board deems it essential to have a shelter for the housing of stray dogs; and

WHEREAS, Karen Garrity/Furry Friend Inn has a proposal for the accommodations and shelter of stray dogs for the Town of Barton Town Board's consideration; and

NOW THEREFORE upon a motion by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman, and carried; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day, April 14, 2025, the Town Board of the Town of Barton, County of Tioga, State of New York, hereby approves the agreement between Karen Garrity/ Furry Friend Inn and the Town of Barton as set forth as follows:

Karen L. Garrity/Furry Friend Inn
1739 Ridge Road
Lockwood, NY 14859
(607)598-8292

Town of Barton
Rt 17 C
Waverly, NY 14892

PROPOSAL:

For accommodating stray dogs brought in from the Dog Warden covering Tioga County.

A charge of \$1,200.00 (this is to be used towards any vet bills required for any dog brought into the facility. Including vaccines needed to make such dogs are adoptable after their initial 5-day hold.) This fee does not include any spay/neuter.

This fee will cover a one-year period. If unused at the end of the one-year term all monies remaining will be reimburse to the Town of Barton. This fee would be collected at the time of a signed contract between Furry Friend Inn and the Town of Barton.

A fee of \$35 a night will be charged to accommodate a (single) stray dog up to and including a five-night stay. If the dog is picked up on the 5th day/night after 12 pm there will be a charge of a full \$35 for that night.

Included in that \$35 fee. Said dog will be treated with kindness, housed in a clean, temperature-controlled room with fresh water, fresh food, and clean bedding. The dogs' room will be cleaned daily and fresh water and food will be given in the am/pm. He/she will also have ample outside playtime and fresh air. And if possible, socialization with other dogs.

Furry Friend Inn will do everything possible to help locate the pet parents of said strays. We will post pictures and information on Face Book to help locate the families.

After the five-day hold and a dog has not been placed back with his/her family Furry Friend Inn has the right to find adoptive parents for such a dog. With the option to charge a fee (to the adoptive family) to cover the extended stay at Furry Friend Inn.

In the unpleasant circumstance that a housed stray was to bite or harm an employee of Furry Friend Inn and such employee needed medical attention, the Town of Barton would be responsible for any medical bills incurred by the employee.

Furry Friend Inn does have the right to **refuse** any stray that appears to be aggressive towards humans. Any stray that may appear sick or diseased, or needs immediate medical attention.

Furry Friend Inn will keep in communication with the Dog Warden/Town of Barton during the five-day holding period of said dog. Keeping them up to date on all progress being made on locating the dog's family.

Throughout the term of this contract between the Town of Barton and Furry Friend Inn both parties agree to work together for the good of the canines, including housing and health.

All emergencies will be a discussion between both parties as to what avenue is to be taken (when possible).

If a dog (stray) was to pass away during his/her five-day holding period it will be the Town of Barton's responsibility to come and remove the deceased animal from the premises of Furry Friend Inn.

And be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Barton grants the Town supervisor authority to sign any documentation necessary to carry out implementation of this resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Mike Rice	Aye
Kevin Everly	Aye
Donald Foster	Aye
Jeffrey Coleman	Aye
Dave Shipman	Aye

Old Business

None.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:18 PM made by Councilperson Kevin Everly, seconded by Councilperson Dave Shipman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Peck

Town of Barton Deputy Town Clerk