

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

BARKER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TOWN(s) OF SOMERSET, HARTLAND, NEWFANE, RIDGEWAY, YATES, AND THE VILLAGE OF BARKER,

COUNTY(s) OF NIAGARA AND ORLEANS NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Barker Central School District for the presentation of the budget will be held in the Herbert F. Ludwig Fine Arts Hall building in said District scheduled for May 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM prevailing time.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Barker Central School District will be held at the Barker Central School on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, said vote and election will be held between the hours of 12:00 PM prevailing time and 8:00 PM prevailing time, in the Barker Central School, at which time the polls will be opened for voting by paper ballot upon the following items:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – Adoption of Annual Budget

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2023–2024 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – Election of Board Members

To elect two (2) members of the Board for a 3-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026, to succeed Emily Gow and John E. Sweeney, Jr. whose terms expire on June 30, 2023.

PROPOSITION NO. 3 - Authorization to Renovate OR Remove Yorker House Structure

You may CHOOSE ONLY ONE of the following options:

1. Appropriate and Expend Monies from 2011 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund to Renovate and Rehab the Yorker House

Shall the following resolution be approved by the voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Barker Central School District is hereby authorized and directed pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law to appropriate funds from the 2011 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund established by the voters on May 16, 2011, in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars and zero cents (\$200,000), and to expend such funds for the renovation and rehab of the Yorker House (1628 Quaker Road, Barker, NY 14012), and to take any and all action necessary to effectuate the appropriation and expenditure, as described herein.

OR

2. Remove Yorker House Structure from District Property

Shall the following resolution be approved by the voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to remove the Yorker House structure from District property by demolishment for no more than fifty thousand dollars and zero cents (\$50,000), or sale of the structure at fair market value (the appropriate option as determined by the Board of Education), and to take any and all action necessary to remove the Yorker House structure from District property, as described herein.

PROPOSITION #4 - Authorization to Create and Fund 2023 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund

Shall the following resolution be approved by the voters:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Barker Central School District be authorized and directed to establish a reserve fund pursuant to Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the “**2023 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund**,” for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the District’s activities in constructing, reconstructing, adding to, renovating, altering and improving District buildings, facilities, grounds and real property, including the acquisition of real furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith, and costs incidental thereto; with the ultimate amount of such reserve fund not exceeding ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) plus any accrued earnings on amounts deposited in such reserve fund, the probable existence of said reserve fund being ten (10) years, but with said reserve fund continuing in existence for its stated purpose until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which funds shall be obtained for said reserve fund being: (a) an initial deposit of eight hundred thirty-seven thousand three hundred twenty-one dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$837,321.39) and accrued interest through and including June 30, 2023, minus any expenditure therefrom that may be authorized by the voters in another proposition to be voted upon on May 16, 2023, which shall be transferred from the 2011 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, (c) current and future unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board of Education from time to time, (d) state aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time related to capital improvements, and (e) any other monies derived from budgetary appropriations or other sources authorized by the voters from time to time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2009 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund is hereby depleted and dissolved as a result of this action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2011 Capital Improvements Reserve Fund is hereby depleted and dissolved as a result of this action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Barker Central School District is authorized to take any and all action necessary to effectuate the creation and funding of the reserved as described herein.

PROPOSITION NO. 5

To adopt the funding for the Barker Public Library, which is raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Barker Central School District be increased from \$81,182.00 to \$82,806.00. This is an increase of \$1,624.00.

PROPOSITION NO. 6 – Library Trustee Election

You may CHOOSE ONLY ONE from each of the following options:

To elect one Trustee to the Barker Public Library Board for a 5-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2028 to succeed Kathie Smith.

and

To elect one Trustee to the Barker Public Library Board for a 4-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2027 to succeed Ashley Grabowski.

and

To elect one Trustee to the Barker Public Library Board for a 1-year term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2024 to succeed Jessica Monaco.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2023-2024, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours on each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday during the 14 days preceding the annual meeting and election and on the day of the election or after 8:00 AM prevailing time, May 2, 2023 in the offices of the Business Office, District Office, and school website.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, nominating petitions for candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be provided to the District Clerk of said School District at her office in the Barker Central School, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM prevailing time not later than 30 days before the election, Monday, April 17, 2023, by 5:00 PM prevailing time and shall be signed by at least 25 voters of the District and state the name and residence of the candidate and meet all requirements.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters or a spouse, parent, child or dependent of a voter as described above, accompanying or being with such voter who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk in writing at 1628 Quaker Road, Barker, NY 14012, or at 716-795-3110 or meadie@barkerpsd.net as soon as possible, as military ballots must be transmitted by the District by April 21, 2023. The District Clerk must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 PM prevailing time on May 16, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate his/her preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk, 1628 Quaker Road, Barker, NY 14012, up to 30 days

prior to the election between the hours of 8:00 AM prevailing time and 4:00 PM prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the election if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. Absentee ballots must be received by the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM prevailing time on the day of the election, Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District upon request on the day of the election and on each of the 5 days preceding the election except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays by contacting the District Clerk. Any qualified voter may object to the voting of an absentee ballot upon appropriate grounds for making his/her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Elections before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is: (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual vote and election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 and 2008 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Barker Central School Board of Education at the office of the District Clerk on or before April 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM prevailing time; must be typed or printed in English, must be directed to the District Clerk of the School District. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition, the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, due to the ongoing COVID-10 pandemic, the deadlines and procedures stated herein may change as required by law or further state guidance. All District residents are encouraged to closely monitor the District's website for any updated information regarding the District's annual meeting and vote.

District Clerk: Mary H. Eadie Dated: March 31, 2023

School District: Barker Central School

Town of Somerset, County of Niagara, New York