

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

UNAPPROVED

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Renz at 4:00pm. Roll Call was established with Seana Frint, Eric Neff, Dave Scully and Jim Frint in attendance at the Town Hall. Judy Bourassa was also in attendance. Jeff Jordheim arrived at 4:05pm.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the Agenda after amending to include State Statute 19.85(f) to the closed session. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion regarding Highway Dept. requests to purchase a zero turn mower, forestry cutter, packer wheel/wobble wheel and a BA 25 broom. Foreman Jordheim said the forestry cutter and packer wheel/wobble wheel purchases could be postponed since he will look for used equipment. There was discussion regarding purchasing Kubota or John Deere and size of the deck.

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the purchase of Kubota zero turn mower at a cost of \$17,500, with the funds being taken from the Parks, Highway and Fire Departments equally. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the purchase of a used BA 25 broom at a cost of \$8,250. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion with Highway Foreman on issues regarding location of traffic counters, chipper rental, fee for beaver trapping and update to Driveway Ordinance. Traffic counting will take place on Lake Road and George Lake Road. The cost to rent a chipper would be about \$1,350/wk but no decision was made.

Motion made (S.Frint/Scully) to approve the fee of \$100.00 per beaver trapped. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Foreman Jordheim requested that the Driveway Ordinance be amended to require an 18" culvert for any new applications. The board said they'd prefer him to use his judgment on a case by case basis and declined to amend the ordinance.

Discussion regarding estimate for roof replacement on Town Hall entry and skating rink warming house

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the estimate from Josh Peterson Construction for the Town Hall entry (shingled for \$1,050) and skating rink warming house (\$2,913 plus extra for Premium Pro-Rib). Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Closed Session: As the governing body for the Town of Barnes, the Town Board will go into a closed session pursuant to the following:

- a) Wis. Stat § 19.85(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”
- b) Wis. Stat § 19.85(f) “considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.”

A motion was made (Renz/S. Frint) to go into closed session at 5:01pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Neff/Scully) to return to open session at 6:13pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Renz/Neff) to issue letters to two employees as discussed in closed session. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Renz/Neff) that the clerk draft a letter to the EMT candidate offering her the 2nd fulltime EMT position at a rate \$20/hr. Roll call vote with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Renz/S. Frint) that the clerk draft a letter to Jake Coleson as a part time EMT and training officer at a rate of \$16/hr. Roll call vote with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Neff/J. Frint) that the town hire Stan Maki at a rate of \$25/hr for trucking and Bob Brennan at a rate of \$18/hr for mowing on an as needed basis. Roll call vote with all members voting yes, motion carried.

The 2 year Operator Licenses applications of Hailey Marshall and Dawn Piburn were reviewed.

A motion was made (Renz/Scully) to approve the 2 year Operator Licenses of Hailey Marshall and Dawn Piburn. Roll call vote with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Neff/S. Frint) to adjourn. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

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