

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – July 16, 2019
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30PM. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Tom Emerson, Seana Frint, Donna Porter and Susan Jansen in attendance. Tom Renz and Eric Polkoski were also present. Deputy Clerk Tami Hoff verified public notice.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 06/18/2019 Monthly Board Meeting and the 06/18 and 06/25/2019 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The agenda was amended to move 14c (Land Use Planning Commission) to item 6.

Public Comment Session – there were no public comments

Clerk Correspondence-Robert & Cheryl Karch are interested in purchasing parcel #2685 which is owned by the Town. The property is located on Tomahawk Lake and is adjacent to their property.

Two letters were received from Bayfield County Planning & Zoning – notice of violation at property address 51340 Lake Rd and RV Campground/septic violations at 1815 Clark Rd.

A proposed winter Golf Event was reviewed- Bruce Hanson will be invited to discuss at a future Town Board meeting.

Land Use Planning Commission-

Jacob Schiess of 3065 Bony Lake Rd-Class A special use application for a short term rental

A motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the short term rental application for Jacob Schiess. Recommendation to approve with condition that septic is pumped and measured for occupancy. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Mary Larson of 55863 Little Island Rd-Class A special use application to park 2 recreational vehicles on the property.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the Class A application for Mary Larson. Recommend approval with condition that the County determines method of waste disposal is sufficient. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A pay application from A-1 Excavating Inc. for the Denver Road project was reviewed and signed.

A motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to approve payment to A-1 in the amount of \$338,881.03 for the Denver Rd project (balance to finish is \$65,873.97). Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion of the dam on the Upper Eau Claire Lake: Tom will contact Scott Lundberg and talk to the engineer to see what the issue is. Sue Jansen stated interest in reconvening the Lakes Committee.

A list of licensed operators for the Ruckus in the Woods event has been received, along with copies of operators' licenses from other municipalities.

The contract with Dave Cecil Builders for the construction of the new Fire/Ambulance Hall was received and signed at the pre-construction meeting earlier today.

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to authorize the town chair to sign the contract with Dave Cecil Builders. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding compensation for the Vatten Paddlar race coordinator. Seana suggested soliciting donations starting in the fall.

A motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to approve payment to David Delforge in the amount of \$1,400. Amount to be determined from year to year. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The clerk reports that \$4,310 in sponsorships/donations were received for the 2019 race and there were \$3,020 in registration fees collected along with \$145 in T-shirt sales. Expenses for the race totaled \$3,470 (a few outstanding expenses yet to be submitted) and \$2,500 was paid out in prize money.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve June vouchers.

Motion made (Frint/Porter) to approve June vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report prepared by Clerk Bourassa read by Tami Hoff: The General Fund Checking account's balance as of June 30th, 2019 was \$411,045.59 after earning \$66.30 in interest. The Money Market account balance was increased by \$109,853.62 due to the cashing out of the CD at Associated Bank (earning \$1,889.37 in 12 months). These funds were deposited in the General Savings account. \$306.99 was earned in interest. The Vatten Paddlar account had deposits totaling \$2,080 and checks for \$1,231.05 leaving a balance of \$6,145.06. There was no activity in the Tax Collection Account and there is a CD with Associated Bank (maturing 9/19/19) for \$217,096.69 bringing the total for all accounts to \$1,537,473.89 with \$3,923.50 earned in interest Year to Date.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report –Eric Polkoski Denver road completed. Paved, Shouldered, painted and road signs installed. Rented brush mower attachment for skid steer and mowed ski trail. Installed culvert on Denver Road at snowmobile crossing. Made ADA compliant path to fishing pier at Tomahawk Park. Expanded parking lot by fishing pier. Roughly 75% of brushing and mowing of town roads has been completed. Graded and added gravel to haul route on Halfway Rd., West Church Rd. and Moore Rd. All roads have been graded with grader or groomer. 4th of July banners put up and taken down. Patching of holes and shoulders done in necessary

areas. Delineators installed on Pease Rd and South Shore Rd. Prep work on Fire Hall completed. Finished work around warming house at Tomahawk Lake Park.

Culvert extensions on Pease Rd was discussed. Eric reported approximate cost for extensions. Discussion was tabled until confirmed with Zech Gotham of Morgan & Parmley.

Monthly BES report for the Fire & Ambulance Departments - Tom Renz; there have been thirteen runs: Hwy 27 cancelled, Rocky Lake Road Highland cancelled, motor vehicle crash, transport to Hayward, transport to Essentia Health with Mayo intercept, Fire treated two firefighters, no transport at parade dog bite, vehicle crash on Hwy. 27 no one around, transport to Solon Springs airport and transferred to Life Link III, transport to Hayward with Sawyer County intercept, transport to Essentia Health. Tom and fire fighter Whitney Jeanetta are going to attend EMT class starting in Gordon in August. Fireworks were touch and go for a while but they got them off. Tom had nothing but great compliments in regards to them. EKG machine is ordered and a payment schedule was worked out to pay half on delivery and half by the end of January, 2020. The Vatten Paddlar Canoe race went well with no issues. Replaced batteries in ambulance. Two vehicle crashes, one structure fire on July 4th.

The Barnes Fire Department sent out letters to all property owners for a fund raiser for the New Fire and Ambulance Hall and to purchase an extractor washing machine. Donations are already coming in.

Update on the Fire Hall project: State to review plan by Aug. 7th. August 12th is the scheduled start date. Contractor meeting went well.

EMS committee will set up first interview with EMS applicants; board will be included in second interviews.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

- a) Parks & Rec Committee-Eric ordering sled hill sign and will look at parking options. 60' well done but needs to be hooked up to electricity. Eric will call if not done by Monday. Susan and Pam are ordering signs for the trails. BAHA asked to write up history for building site. Tomahawk Lake Park project update- see above. Eric will contact electrician for final motion detector fixtures.

Discussion of purchase of ADA compliant fishing dock: Eric made the needed ground improvements. Mention of Conservation club to possibly purchase new dock. Bob and Eric will measure for size needed. Maybe add to grant?

Discussion of compensating Josh Peterson \$980.00 for all the hours put in and for overseeing the building of the warming house.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve payment to Josh Peterson in the amount of \$980.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding park rule regarding dogs-Tom Renz: Are dogs allowed in our parks? Donna will look into the price of bags and disposal containers.

b) Roads & Right of Way Committee –

Discussion of the recommendation to post speed on Denver Rd- RROW committee recommends that Denver Road speeds be posted at 25 mph for the reconstruction section

and 35 mph for the resurfacing section based on geometric constraints. Email has been sent to attorney for clarification of steps to take to reduce speed to 25mph. Zach suggested after inspection to reduce speed. Eric will order signs.

A motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to follow the recommendation of RROW committee. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Pine Chip Road proposal decision-

The RROW has studied a proposal for a test project of putting recycled blacktop on 1000 feet of Pine Chip Road. The cost of this would be \$30,000 to \$40,000, and the materials are not currently available. It was decided that the cost is excessive and there is no affordable alternative solution, so that test project is cancelled.

A motion was made (Emerson/Jansen) to follow the recommendation of RROW committee. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairperson Webb reviewed the action item list and the timeline.

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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