

# MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday –August 20, 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. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

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

*A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 7/16/2019 Monthly Board Meeting and the 7/1 and 7/16/2019 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Frint/Jansen) to open the floor for public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Public Comment Session –Jim Lancour submitted a petition signed by 25 Pine Chip Drive Property owners requesting that the road be paved. Chairperson Webb accepted it on behalf of the town board and said it will be on a future agenda but we need to get the recommendation from the RROW Committee based on the Road Management Plan and their priority list.

*A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to close the floor for public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk Correspondence-timber cut notice received; the clerk read a letter received from David Gorski regarding the jetski ordinance rescission; a letter received from Bayfield County Planning & Zoning regarding tax ID#2687 owned by Heather Lynn Engen; a letter from Bayfield County Administrator regarding CWD Prevention Initiative (contribution request); a letter from Bayfield County Health Department regarding Water Sample Results from the Town Hall (passed).

*A motion was made (Frint/Jansen) to open the floor for public comment. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Suzette Tremblay reported that the County is implementing a program to have the deer heads collected and tested for CWD during the bow hunting season that the Conservation Club is supporting.

The board decided to table the contribution for this year until more information can be obtained such as where the dumpsters will be located and the timeframe.

*A motion was made (Frint/Jansen) to close the floor to public comment. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

A 1 year Operator's license application for Kami Fesenmaier was reviewed

*A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the 1 year Operator's license for Kami Fesenmaier. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk Bourassa reviewed some training opportunities, including an Unemployment Insurance seminar, the Municipal Treasurers Association of Wisconsin's Fall Conference in Cable and a Quickbooks Training.

*A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the training as requested. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Emergency Action Plan Introduction-the clerk will check in the Town Office for a plan that was started a few years ago and will work on an outline for the next board meeting

Consider an update to the Vacation Policy in the Employee Policy Handbook - The board will table this topic for the September monthly board meeting in time for the 2020 Budget sessions.

Review of town attorney's recommendations for changes to Ordinances Chapter 2 and 5. The clerk will work on drafting the ordinances with the recommended changes and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Chapter 15 will not be changing.

Update on the Upper Eau Claire Dam-Emerson reported that 52 people attended the meeting. The engineer hired by the property owner gave a presentation and he assured townspeople that the dam is structurally sound and is inspected regularly. There is an emergency plan being developed.

Update on the Ruckus in the Woods music event-Tom Renz reported that he heard all positive comments and that P.J. had done a good job organizing the event. No incidents were reported and there was approximately 500 people in attendance.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve July vouchers.

*A motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to approve July vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

Treasurer's Report prepared by Clerk Bourassa was displayed for public view. The ending balance in the General Checking is \$139,650.56, \$817,424.71 in the Money Market Account, \$4,628.06 in the Vatten Paddlar Account, \$515.11 in the Tax Collection Account and a CD at Associated Bank with a value of \$217,096.69 for a total of \$1,179,315.13 with \$4,397.47 in interested earned year-to-date.

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

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report presented by Eric Polkoski

## Completion of projects for month of August

- Rented brush mower attachment for skid steer and mowed ski trail.
- Installed playground equipment and fixed signs by boat landing at Tomahawk Park.
- All roads have been mowed, some more need to be brushed still.

- Graded and added gravel to haul route on Moore Rd and Hughes Town Line Rd.
- Started reconstruction of Webster Rd.
- Have been grading all the roads.
- Patching of holes and shoulders done in necessary areas.
- Prep work on Emergency Services Bldg completed. Work has been started on building.
- Work on fuel tanks is almost complete to bring them up to code.
- Removal of trees on Lake Rd that were on the right away.
- Added gravel to Silverwolf Dr.
- Parking lot lines were painted.
- Helped with the setup for Ruckus in the Woods.

Change Order #2 and Pay Application #2 from A-1 Excavating Inc. for the Denver Road project - the change order reduces the contract price to \$400,013.23.

*A motion was made (Frint/Jansen) to approve Change Order #2 decreasing the contract price by \$4,741.77. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve Pay Application #2 (Final) in the amount of \$61,132.20. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Chairperson Webb reminded the board that Denver Road is not complete, it will cost approximately an additional \$150,000 to complete it. This will be in the 2020 Budget.

The process for setting speed limits was reviewed-The DOT has to approve the speed limits as recommended by the engineer so the Chair will be sending letters to the State to request their approval.

Fire & Ambulance Departments-Monthly BES Reports presented by Tom Renz

## **Monthly report**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**There have been 17 ambulance calls since the last meeting**

**6 to Hayward**

**5 no transport**

**1 – no transport motor vehicle crash**

**1 – Gordon Wascot transported lack of personnel**

**2 – Transport to Hayward met Sawyer County intercept**

**1 – Essentia Health with Mayo Intercept**

**1 – trapped dog**

**New EKG has arrived and we will train on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> in the meantime there is on line training for all to complete.**

**We have three People in the EMT class in Gordon and also 1 nurse that wants to join also.**

**The Ambulance inspection was done. The only issue was the portable suction which had bad battery and was not repairable so new portable suction was ordered and paid for by the EMS Fourth of July fundraiser monies.**

**The ambulance will be going in next week to have the lifter replaced.  
I also recommend the Town approve Denise Muermann as an Ambulance member**

## **Fire**

**1 – Motor vehicle crash**

**1 -- dog trapped under garage**

**Fire Department members assisted at the Bayfield County Fair on Sunday for the Dirt Dash. Both Fire and Ambulance Department provided security for the Ruckus in the Woods. Everything went well. PJ did a great job in putting on a great event. The new Emergency Services Building is moving along. The heated tubes for floor were laid and cement was poured today and also tomorrow. I have been taking picture of the project as it progresses for future reference.**

Barnes Fire Department Fundraiser update- \$23,078.77 has been donated so far (this is gross, expenses not deducted). The website will be updated with current photos and progress reports. Additional fundraising efforts are in development as well.

Review the application of Denise Muermann for the Ambulance Department

*A motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the hiring of Denise Muermann for the Ambulance Department. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Update on the new Emergency Services Building (Fire/Ambulance Hall) - the concrete is being poured, the plumbing has been installed. They will be installing the well and septic in the next week or so.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Parks & Rec Committee-

Tomahawk Lake Park project update-Supervisor Porter said a committee member suggested installing a pine flooring in the warming hut at a cost of \$1,500 (installation would be free). Chairperson Webb stated we need to check around before making a decision. Supervisors Porter and Jansen reported that an ADA compliant fishing dock will be paid for by the Conservation Club and installed in the spring. Discussion regarding an expenditure for maps and drone imaging of Tomahawk Lake Park and trails (done by Bayfield County) at a cost of \$500.00.

*A motion was made (Porter/Jansen) to authorize the expenditure of \$500.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Allowing dogs in Town Park-Supervisor Porter reported that the Committee is opposed to allowing dogs as it was designed as a children's play park. The board took no action.

b) Tourism Committee –

Ad in Hayward's 2020 Vacation Guide-the board decided not to purchase an ad this year.

c) EMS Committee –

Update on EMT interviews-4 resumes were received, and the Committee scheduled interviews with 3 candidates, however, only 2 candidates were interviewed and one of those

withdrew their application, leaving one candidate for consideration. The Town Board will schedule an interview with this candidate next week.

Recommendation to send letter to various representatives and senators regarding the status of EMS service in the region to encourage county involvement in the pursuit of a long term solution to existing EMS services. This same letter would be sent to other town clerks in Bayfield County as well.

*A motion was made (Frint/Jansen) to authorize the Town Chair to sign the letter and the town clerk to send it out to the representatives, senators and town clerks. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Guy Johnston reported that Sawyer County Ambulance has agreed to provide a Paramedic, from their ambulance service, along with a response vehicle, to respond to all Barnes Ambulance 911 calls for an annual fee of \$20,000 which would be paid the Town of Barnes. This agreement would have to be approved by both the Barnes Town Board and the Sawyer County Commissioners before it would go into effect. The Town Board authorized the EMS Committee to pursue that avenue.

d) Land Use Planning Commission –

Harry Mitchell of 51980 Idlewild Lake Rd-Class A after-the-fact for filling and grading. The commission approved the application subject to the permit fees reflecting the after the fact nature of the request.

*Motion made (Emerson/Jansen) to approve Harry Mitchell's Class A application. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

- e) A.I.S. Committee –the BAISS boat was used on the Middle and Upper Eau Claire Lakes and the patches were knocked down and the boat is now on Sand Bar Lake. The grants eligible for extension were reviewed and forms will be sent out to request the volunteer hours worked for grant reimbursement requests.

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 8:47pm.