

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES**  
**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday September 18, 2018  
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

**UNAPPROVED**

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Tom Emerson and Donna Porter in attendance. Seana Frint and Zach Desrosiers were absent. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

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

*Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the minutes of the 8/21/2018 Monthly Board Meeting and the 8/8 and 8/21/2018 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to move the EMS Committee (item 10f) to after Fire & Ambulance Dept. (item9b). Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to open the floor for the public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Public Comment Session: Carol LeBreck of 3365 Bony Lake Rd

The BAHA Museum is only open on Saturdays now. They received a challenge grant in the amount of \$5,000. It's a dollar for dollar grant so they encourage donations. BAHA would like to see the cemetery records so they will arrange to come to the town office. Carol asked about the status of the Tourism Committee and wondered where the recommendations for advertising on the agenda are coming from. She also felt the mission of the committee was not being followed. She asked about the banners that are posted on telephone poles, she said she was told last fall that we wouldn't be purchasing any more banners. The banners she referred to were not posted by the town. In regard to the proposed Lakes Committee, she feels the committees should be able to arrange their own schedule for meetings.

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to close the floor to public comments. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk Correspondence-The clerk reported that a CD with Associated Bank (formerly BankMutual) has been renewed for a 12 month term at a rate of 2.2%.

Chairperson Webb reported that the South Shore Bridge Replacement has been approved for Federal Replacement funding so we need to solicit engineering plans. The clerk was tasked with that. The cost is estimated to be \$576,000 and will be funded 80% Federal and 20% Town of Barnes. The Town's share will be eligible for a 50/50 County Bridge Aid cost share upon completion in 2022.

Vouchers approval –August vouchers

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve August vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The August Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was reviewed.

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the August Treasurer's report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report- recent highway crew activity was reviewed  
Fire and Ambulance Departments' monthly BES reports-Tom Renz provided updated point reports and his report for August.

EMS Committee - agenda item 10f was moved up and the committee (represented by Guy Johnston) presented some options for the board consideration. The first option was continuing with the current EMS with EMT-Basic; the second option was Current EMS plus two hired daytime EMTs; the third option was adding a contract Paramedic onsite; the fourth option was a Total outsource with a Paramedic; the fifth option was a county-side (Bayfield) Ambulance Service. Bill Pence made the point that nationally, volunteerism has been going down (from 28% to 25%) so the town needs to consider hiring vs. relying on volunteers. The committee also encouraged the board to consider providing living quarters in the proposed new fire/ambulance hall as it would be a recruiting tool. In regard to the fire hall, Tom Renz feels Drummond's new hall is a good design and would satisfy our needs.

Constable report was read by Judy Bourassa

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

- a) A.I.S. Committee  
Discussion of winter storage for the BAISS Boat (currently able to store at BAHA's storage building on Lake Rd. but property is for sale), recruitment of new members and the need for boat landing monitors. An increase in pay was suggested.
- b) Tourism Committee –  
Discussion of renewal of advertising in the Wisconsin Indian Head Country brochure

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to authorize the payment of \$150 to renew the advertisement in the Wisconsin Indian Head Country brochure and \$325 to renew the membership with Cable Chamber of Commerce. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

- c) Roads & Right of Way Committee – Denver Road will need some re-construction, however, there are no funds available this year. Chip sealing on Kelly Lk Rd. is scheduled for next year. Tom Emerson suggested considering chip sealing Birch Lake Rd next year due to the high traffic usage. Chairperson Webb requested that the RROW Committee present some recommendations to the board for consideration. Ideally, a five year plan is desired.
- d) Transfer Site Committee – Tom expressed concerns about the brush pit being open 24/7 (he suggested the board should consider it only being open when the transfer site is open) and questioned how we going to manage the larger stumps and trees being dropped off at the brush pit, as well as building materials that shouldn't be allowed. Chairperson Webb said that a meeting will be scheduled for the Transfer Site Committee to meet with the employees of the Transfer Site to address these and other issues.

e) Parks & Rec Committee – Donna Porter

1. Tomahawk Lake Park update-progress at the park (rain garden preparations, electrical service installed, well to be installed, building construction plans...) was reviewed as well as the trail construction work.
2. Barnes Town Park update-the walking trail, including signage and trail design, was discussed as well as purchases to be considered at budget time.

*Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to authorize payment to Butterfield Inc. of \$1,500 for the concrete slab (deck) on the warming hut. In addition, we will request that they also pour an ADA landing at the back entry. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

g) Adhoc Lakes Committee

1. Update on Committee development –emails were sent to potential committee members; awaiting responses. Once received, board will meet to review applicants and select committee members.

Action Items and Timeline-they were reviewed and updated

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in the meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversation that took place.