

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall and via Zoom Video Conferencing

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting in the Town Hall to order at 6:30PM. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Susan Jansen, Seana Frint, Donna Porter and Eric Neff in attendance. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

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

Motion made (Neff/Porter) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 9/15/2020 Monthly Board Meeting and the minutes of the 9/1, 9/15, 9/22, 9/23 and 9/30/2020 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.

The clerk requested that the minutes of the 9/30 Special Town Board Meeting minutes be amended to read "A motion was made to authorize the town clerk to place an ad for bids on the E. Robinson Lake Rd project" (instead of Jon Humburg of Northwoods Paving). Voice vote taken, motion carried with the minutes from 9/30 being amended as described.

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

Public Comment Session – limited to 3 minutes

Cris Neff read a letter from the Friends of Eau Claire Lakes (FOECL) in support of the A.I.S. Committee grant application.

Jim Frint spoke regarding Stan Maki's previous employment with the town, he thinks Stan deserves an apology from the board. Chair Webb said she would reach out to Stan. He also spoke regarding the building at the Transfer Site that was recently sold –he had been interested in purchasing it but was told it had to go out for bid. He had many people complain about the Transfer Site being closed on Saturdays (Winter hours went into effect Oct. 1). The graffiti on the S. Shore Bridge took six weeks to be removed. Chair Webb acknowledged that it should have been taken care of sooner.

Greg Martin spoke regarding the Rifle Range –maintenance needs to be done such as grading and brushing/mowing and requested that it be added to the timeline so it gets done regularly. He also questioned why the Transfer Site is charging \$4.00 for 55 gal bags, he wanted to know when it was changed. The clerk will check to see what she can find regarding that change.

Mike Huttner spoke regarding the Tomahawk Lake Park trails – 2 sections of the trail have been closed off and he has an issue would like them re-opened. Pat Johnston with the P&R Committee was in attendance and said skiers were getting lost so that's why they were closed off. She will follow up.

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

Clerk Correspondence – the clerk reported receiving two timber cutting notices, copies were available on the table. An application for a new Parks & Rec Committee member was received and referred to the Committee for consideration. A letter from Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Dept. was received requesting a \$150 contribution from municipalities to facilitate the placement of several collection dumpsters during hunting season. A letter was received from Bayfield County Dept. of Human Services regarding Medicare options for seniors. Medicare Open Enrollment is October 15-December 7. Please contact Marianne Johnson at 715-373-6144 ext 83355 or mjohnson@bayfieldcounty.org for more information.

Update on COVID-19- Tom Renz reported that it's running rampant in the nursing homes and all of Wisconsin is a hotbed of cases now. He said this was anticipated and some hospitals are nearing capacity. The 25% capacity for bars and restaurants is in force.

Discussion regarding Trunk or Treat Halloween event-Tom Renz said he asked it be on the agenda because he's been asked about it and since it's on Town property, the board should address it. Webb said it's not town sponsored but she will contact the organizers and see what they're thinking for the event this year.

Discussion regarding purchasing a new sign for Transfer Site with summer/winter hours – Supervisor Jansen said she will request it be added as a Transfer Site Committee agenda item.

Review quote from Display Sales for banners to replace the flags as some are in disrepair - Supervisor Porter questioned if we need to order 27. The board tabled this and will gather more information and get other quotes. Supervisor Frint, chair of the Tourism Committee, said they discussed this but decided not to pursue it at that time.

Announcement of Public Involvement Plan meeting for South Shore Bridge Replacement on Wednesday, October 28th from 7-8pm. This will be a virtual meeting – more information can be found on the town's website.

Economic Development - Consider request for a new lease in the Business Park. The interested party is looking to build storage facilities which he would rent out. Supervisor Jansen asked what is the town's obligation regarding site prep. Supervisor Neff said a separate road would be needed and it would need to be maintained. The board members received copies of the Protective Covenants of the Barnes Industrial Park and a copy of a sublease agreement. Webb asked the board members to read these documents and determine what updates need to be made. An updated Management Plan would be needed and the Town's attorney could draft a long term lease agreement.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve September vouchers

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the September vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The ending balance in the General Checking is \$274,748.01 after receiving the 4th qtr General Transportation Aid. \$831,116.74 is the ending balance in the Money Market Account (includes a deposit of the cashed out CD), \$1,551.73 is ending balance in the Vatten Paddlar Account, the Tax Collection Account has a balance of \$811.39 for a total of all funds of \$1,108,227.87 with \$1,157.87 in interest earned.

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

Highway Department- Chairperson Webb announced the retirement of Jerry Witt. He has served the town for many years and he took pride in the roads and this town. We thank him for his service and wish him well.

Discussion regarding phone stipends for employees including two newly hired part-time employees.

A motion was made (Neff/Frint) to approve payment of phone stipends of \$30 per month to Tanner Weidner, BJ Skweres, Dale Schaffer, Gary Scharlau and Loren Bohl. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding fees charged for mattress disposal at the Transfer Site. Republic Services charges \$20 per mattress and we are charging \$5 for single/double size, \$10 for queen/king size.

A motion was made (Neff/Porter) that we charge our disposal costs for mattresses (what we are charged). Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion on a proposed written policy regarding public access to salt/sand & gravel. It was reported that an individual used town equipment to load a truckload of gravel. This is a violation of town policy. Residents are allowed to take bucketfuls but not truckloads. It was suggested that the gate be locked outside of regular business hours. Further discussion will be held on drafting a policy regarding public access to salt/sand and gravel.

Monthly Report – Tom Renz

Monthly report

Sept. 15 2021

Ambulance

1 - no transport

4 - transported to Hayward

1 – deceased on scene cancelled by Law Enforcement

1 – Essentia Health

2 – Standby by for fire

Two EMTs' have now finished the first responder portion of EMT class

Community Integrated Health Grant has been submitted. There is a hearing tomorrow on the Community EMS program for DHS 110.

Fire

1 – Wildland Fire reported on James Road cancelled by Law Enforcement en-route

1 – Carbon monoxide incident

BES building

The Generator is hooked electrically by Larry Roecker and just waiting for Ferrell gas to complete the propane hook up.

The outside doors will be repainted next spring as I am not happy with the paint job as it is starting to peel.

Door code have all been up dated

Ring Cameras have been received for Transfer site just waiting for them to get installed.

We have also received a \$10,000.00 matching grant for new wildland/rescue vehicle to replace the two ATVs and snowmobile.

Request for approval of purchase of 10 gallon air tank to be used for sanitization of town properties.

A motion was made (Porter/Neff) to approve the purchase of an air tank. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Request approval of the final CHIP program for submission to the Dept of Health Services.

A motion was made (Neff/Frint) to approve the CHIP (Citizen's Health Integration Program) as outlined. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Land Use Planning Commission –Seana Frint

1. Wisconsin Elite Sports c/o Marc Nelson of 2311 Birch Tree Trl: Class A Special Use for Tourist Rooming House.

A motion was made (Frint/Neff) to approve the application of Marc Nelson as long as a copy of the letter from the Potawatomi Property Owner's Association is sent to the County (they were copied). A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

2. Brenda Bakke of 3935 E. Robinson Lake Rd: Class A special use for short term rental

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to approve the Special Use application of Brenda Bakke. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

3. Kenneth E. Williamson Trust of xxxx Martin Rd: Class A shore land grading permit to construct a 24'x200' driveway

A motion was made (Porter/Neff) to approve the Special Use application of the Kenneth E. Williamson Trust for a shore land grading permit. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

b) EMS Committee report – Guy Johnston

Guy reported that the Committee has met twice to discuss the CHIP and has drafted a letter he would like to be sent to county and state representatives and others to be determined. The Committee would like to send out a survey to taxpayers (postcard size) that would sent with the tax statements. An online survey thru Survey Monkey was also suggested as an option. A grant is available to help fund the CHIP program.

A motion was made (Frint/Jansen) to approve the mailing of the letter to representatives and other and the sending of a survey to taxpayers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

c) Parks & Rec Committee report – Pat Johnston

There was recently a work day at Tomahawk Lake Park and much was accomplished, thanks to the volunteers. The Eagle Scout project (construction of two benches and a kiosk) has been completed. Pat reported that there are areas of the Park where hunting is occurring (part of the park is on County land) and wants to make people aware that the land is open to hunting. The committee is working on a brochure and requests that the board include \$500 in their budget for this. The Friends of Tomahawk Lake Park are going to be doing a fundraiser for grooming equipment with a goal of \$10,000.

The concession stand has been cleaned and the skate rink warming house has been cleaned and shelves installed. The committee is looking into finding out the cost to move the green garage to Tomahawk Lake Park to be used for storage of equipment.

A.I.S. Committee – Chris Webb

- 1) Approval of Resolution #R20-07-CBCW Grant
- 2) Approval of Resolution #R20-08-Small Scale Lake Grant

A motion was made (Jansen/Frint) to approve Resolution R20-07. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A motion was made (Neff/Frint) to approve Resolution R20-08. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairperson Webb reviewed the Action Items List and the Timeline.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

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