

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES**  
**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday – December 16, 2014 at 7:30PM**

The Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Tom Krob. Roll Call was done to establish a quorum with Town Supervisors Chris Webb, Donna Porter, Julie Bohl, and Tom Emerson present. Also present was Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer, Judy Schoch, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and Bob Lang, Roads Foreman. Bakke verified public notice was appropriately posted. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then said by all.

**Motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the 11/18/2014 Public Budget Hearing, Meeting of the Electors and Board Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda

- Mitch McGee asked why the tax for WITC was lower this year. Bakke explained that per Bayfield County Treasurer's office the state of Wisconsin has taken on more of the technical college funding this year.
- TOM EMERSON – LUPC Explains what is happening with the Puzak special permit application and advises the LUPC recommends approval. Krob states we will add to the 12/18 meeting.

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to approve the November vouchers. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

November Treasurer's Report was presented by Brenda Bakke.

**Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Webb requests up to date budget figures at our meeting 12/18/2014 including any bills outstanding for 2014 and building expenses.

TOB Department Head Reports:

Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report was presented by Bob Lang.

Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports were presented by Tom Krob for Tom Renz.

Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe presented by Tom Krob.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

Cemetery Committee – There is a burial scheduled for Wednesday, December 17.

Roads & Right of Way Committee – Don Dealing was not able to be here. Road Policies and Committee Role information from R&ROW Committee was read by Tom Krob for discussion.

First Issue of truck weights was expanded on by Bob Lang. Regarding truck weight overages, the Town of Barnes would be responsible for paying the fine the first time. Any additional overweight violations would be considered on an individual basis. The R&ROW Committee would like to see this policy to be incorporated into Employee Policy Handbook.

**Motion made by (Webb/Emerson) to include the overweight policy presented by the R&ROW Committee as a resolution. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes.**

Road widths for improved roads be 49 1/2' ft. or wider as engineering requirements would dictate.

**Motion Emerson/Porter to accept recommendation for improved roads to be 49 1/2' or wider as engineering requirements would dictate. Roll call votes taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

This will become a part of the Roads and Right of Way Standards that the committee are working on.

The Committee feels the Town should maintain the entire length of Jones Rd. to Bony Lake Rd. rather than create a turnaround

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to have the Town maintain the entire length of Jones Rd. rather than put in a turnaround. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Webb addresses the committee's request for the Board's vote regarding the committee's roles and responsibilities. Krob reads the proposed list of responsibilities for the committee.

**Motion Krob/Webb to give the cited responsibilities to the committee as read. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes.**

Tourism Committee – Julie Bohl requests approval of Dana Hodowanic as Tourism Committee alternate member on a temporary basis during the winter absence of another committee member.

**Motion (Bohl/Porter) to approve Dana Hodowanic as a temporary alternate member on the Tourism Committee. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes.**

Transfer Site Committee – Tom Emerson request approval to go forward with purchase of new compactor after the first of the year. 20% down when ordered, 70% when shipped, balance due upon installation.

**Motion (Porter/Bohl) to give approval for the purchase of compactor. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Extension of Sunday hours only for Transfer Site of 8:00am–2:00pm is made. Emerson discusses previous decision and that the Calendar of Events still has the hours listed as being open until 2pm on Sunday. Emerson also explains that we have had citizens request we stay open until 2pm due to issues getting to the Transfer Site by noon. Webb states she feels we should stay open to 2pm with one person staffing site noon – 2pm. Porter states she does not feel we should keep changing the hours the dump is open.

**Motion (Krob/Emerson) we change hours back to stay open until 2pm. Roll call vote with Krob, Webb, Bohl and Emerson voting yes. Porter voted no. Motion carried.**

New Computer for Clerk-Treasurer – discussion is tabled until pricing for new computer is obtained.

**Motion made (Krob/Webb) to table until price information is available. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Date for New Office Open House – Webb asks what we will do at the open house. She suggests it should be coordinated with another town function and that we consider providing coffee and cookies. Porter suggests getting our brochures moved to the new office and have everything functional before holding an Open House.

**Motion made (Webb/Porter) to table until February and then revisit. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Transfer Site hours for Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Discussion ensued regarding whether to be open on Christmas Eve or closed. Porter states we should be closed because it is a holiday. Webb states we should do what the Employee Policy Handbook says.

**Motion made (Webb/Emerson) that we be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the holiday as stated in the Employee Policy Handbook. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

January Board Meeting Time – Krob requests the January 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting time or date be moved due to a schedule conflict. Webb suggests we could move it to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Porter likes it on the regular day. Emerson stated he will do whatever works. Bohl doesn't mind 7:30pm.

**Motion (Webb/Bohl) that we move the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

Committee Mission Statements – Webb suggests we charge each committee to review their mission statement and update it.

Greg Martin says the Board should give the committees an idea what they want the committee to do and then have the committees come up with a mission statement.

Bob Brennan, pay increase approval for 2015.

**Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) we approve the raise in pay of \$1.00 per hour to \$14.95/hr. with new budget. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Town Board Issues Timeline Log has no new changes to review.

**MOTION made (Porter/Emerson) to adjourn the December Monthly Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.