

# MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 20, 2022  
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

## UNAPPROVED

Chairman Tom Renz 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 Eric Neff, Dave Scully, Seana Frint and Jim Frint in attendance in the Town Hall. Clerk Judy Bourassa verified public notice. Brett Frierhood, Brock Frierhood as well as Jeff Jordheim and Jeff Hong of the Highway Dept. were also in attendance. Clerk/Treasurer trainee April Powell was also present.

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

Chairman Renz asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 11/15/2022 Budget Hearing, Special Electors Meeting and the Monthly Board Meeting and the minutes of the 11/15/2022 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.

*Motion made (Scully/Neff) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 11/15 Budget Hearing, Special Electors Meeting and the Monthly board meeting and the minutes of the 11/15 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Public Comment Session –Bill Stewart commended the plowing crew; Chris Lane also complimented the Highway Department for their work; he also spoke regarding the new Transfer Site pass system and he feels it is well worth the cost. Chairman Renz commented that he’s had many rude calls regarding the new policy and Supervisor Scully also said he’s gotten calls regarding the new policy and he wanted to make sure everyone understands that recycling continues to be free. Cash will continue to be accepted until the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

Clerk Correspondence – an email was received from William Foster regarding the Transfer Site pass- he would like an option for seasonal residents; an email was received from Frank & Linda Govekar in regard to the Short Term Rental license with concerns/questions (see in minutes); an email was received from Bruce Irlle also in regard to the passes in favor of a limited permit; a letter was received from the State Dept. of Corrections advising that Gene R Lundequam of 54780 Dana Rd has moved to our jurisdiction and is a registered sex offender; an email from Advantex (email host provider) is increasing their price 10% in 2023; The Town of Barksdale sent an emailed zoning survey for the board to complete; Bayfield Co. Health Dept. tested the water at the Town Garage and it passed and is safe.

Disaster Declaration Resolution – Chairman Renz signed a resolution (R22-11) on December 15<sup>th</sup> declaring a disaster due to the recent snowstorm. Doing so (during the storm) allows the town to request reimbursement of eligible expenses. Chairman Renz read the resolution and asked that the board adopt it.

*Motion made (Scully/S.Frint) to adopt Resolution R22-11. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

The Transfer Site passes were discussed. Supervisor Neff said it has been suggested to issue passes for the period Memorial Day to Labor Day for non-residents. Jeff Hong, Highway Department employee, said he wanted to make it simple and isn’t in favor of having a second pass policy.

Chairman Renz suggested a May 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> timeframe. Supervisor Scully suggested leave the current policy in place and re-evaluate after one year since we already included it in the 2023 budget.

*Motion made (Renz/Neff) to offer a seasonal pass for the period May 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Highway Foreman Jeff Jordheim said he thinks we should let the policy stand and see how it goes for this year.

*Motion made (Neff/Scully) to open the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Chris Lane said we shouldn't offer seasonal passes, Guy Johnston said he was in favor of offering seasonal passes.

*Motion made (Neff/S. Frint) to close the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*Roll call vote taken with S. Frint voting no, Dave Scully voting no, Eric Neff voting yes, Jim Frint voting no and Tom Renz voting no. The motion failed.*

Bayfield County is asking towns to review the county's proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance and provide input/feedback. Supervisor Neff said a pamphlet can be found on the Bayfield County website with information on regulations regarding the Short Term Rental. The county would charge an application fee of \$250.00.

*Motion made (Renz/Neff) to open the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Bill Stewart asked how the town ordinance would interface with the proposed county ordinance. The Town ordinance can be more restrictive than the County ordinance.

Cyndi Kastrosky is concerned that the county's efforts to "streamline" to process will actually slow the process and keeping the oversight at the local level is better.

*Motion made (Scully/S.Frint) to close the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Cyndi Kastrosky addressed the board in regard to the Short Term Rental Ordinance the Town of Barnes recently adopted. She asked how the \$300 fee was set and what rentals are affected by the ordinance – does it include bed & breakfasts, tourist rooming houses, hotels/motels, resorts – Chairman Renz said it does not, only short term rentals. It was asked how it would be enforced and the Chairman said the license can be revoked and penalties and fines can be assessed.

*Motion made (Renz/Neff) to open the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

It was asked if there were certain rentals that were primarily the source of complaints received and Chairman Renz said there were multiple rentals that complaints were received on, not just a select few. Supervisor Scully said the ordinance is an effort to exercise some control over the rentals and suggested that the board re-visit the fee being charged at the next budget session. Bill Stewart suggested the town use some of fees charged be used for enforcement. It was pointed out that other towns only charge \$100.00. Tom Menard said he felt the fee is too high and it shouldn't just be short term rentals that are charged the fee. The clerk will add the fee to the timeline for re-consideration at budget time.

*Motion made (S.Frint/Neff) to close floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Applications that were received from short term rental owners: Jess Miller, Sarah Benning, Marc Nelson, James Sarazin, Gregory Lammer, Angela Harbaugh, Todd Bertelson, Jason Hartung, Peter Thompson, Jeffrey Diedrich, Ted Zess, Robert Gerber, Frank & Linda Govekar, Tim & Vicky Gjovik and William Warrick were reviewed and considered for approval.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the applications of Jess Miller, Sarah Benning, Marc Nelson, James Sarazin, Gregory Lammer, Angela Harbaugh, Todd Bertelson, Jason Hartung, Peter Thompson, Jeffrey Diedrich, Ted Zess, Robert Gerber, Frank & Linda Govekar, Tim & Vicky Gjovik and William Warrick. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

A motion is needed to add Clerk/Treasurer April Powell to the bank signature cards for the accounts the Town holds at Associated Bank and with Paycom.

*Motion made (S.Frint/Neff) to add April Powell to the accounts with Associated Bank and Paycom. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

The board reviewed the Class B Original Liquor License and Cigarette and Tobacco Products license applications from Hough Hospitality, LLC, agent Elliott Hough.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the applications of Hough Hospitality, LLC. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

The new owners of The Koffee Kup, LLC, Lisa (Rae) DiPlacido and Angie Arseneau were introduced, they purchased Maki's Café recently.

The Class B Original Liquor License application of The Koffee Kup, LLC was reviewed.

*Motion made (Renz/S.Frint) to approve the application of The Koffee Kup, LLC. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

The Cable Area Chamber of Commerce membership is up for renewal at a cost of \$175.00.

*Motion made (Neff/Scully) to renew the town's membership with the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce. Voice vote taken, motion carried*

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve November vouchers

*Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the November vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The ending balance in the General Checking is \$570,991.19 which includes the transfer from the Money Market account for payment of the fire truck chassis. \$706,315.78 is the ending balance in the Money Market Account after funds were transferred to the General account for the fire truck; \$3,136.81 is ending balance in the Vatten Paddlar Account (no activity). The Tax Collection Account has a balance of \$1,957.39 (service fee of \$20); the PayPal account has a balance \$5,066.50 (\$100 donation received) and the Taste of Barnes account has a balance of \$5,536.00 (no activity) for a total of all funds of \$1,287,467.67 with \$2,744.16 in interest earned so far this year.

*Motion made (Scully/S.Frint) to approve the Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Highway Dept. Report – Jeff Jordheim

### **December Roads/Property Report**

Roads: Plowing as needed

Trees: will be starting as time allows between snowstorms

Equipment: Truck 33 is in need of repair, dump box has failed. Looking at replacing dump box with a flat bed and purchase V-box sander that would be interchangeable with any other truck.

Signage: Have been ordered for the different departments that have requested them

Salt/sand: We will have to have more salt/sand hauled after the first of the year.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a sander.

A quote for repairs to Brush Tractor was presented. It was agreed to table this.

Discussion was held regarding the possible purchase of a Boss V plow for the 1 ton.

*Motion made (Renz/Neff) that the Foreman can purchase the V-plow and sander using funds remaining in the Equipment Outlay account and the balance needed from the 2023 budget (same account). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

### **Monthly report Fire**

Calls: 4 calls

-false alarm

-vehicle accident

-2 gas leaks

Truck Chassis paperwork has been completed, haven't heard anything from Stainless and Repair.

Auction has ended for the surplus items. Items not sold will be put back on the auction.

Still haven't heard about this year's AFG grant, working on starting on the next AFG grant cycle.

Still working on searching and applying for grants.

We had joint training with the ambulance department this past Saturday. We held a mock snowmobile accident and then ice rescue training.

Supervisor Scully apologized to the Fire Department – he intended on participating in the training but was unable to.

### **Monthly report Ambulance**

13 calls since last meeting. Currently at 93 with the potential to reach 100 by the end of the year.

Joint training with the fire department was held over the weekend with a mock snowmobile crash and ice rescue. I also took part in an ice rescue coordination meeting with other Bayfield and Ashland County departments last week.

The job posting for a full-time and part-time EMTs is still open. We have received one inquiry through Indeed, however I have not yet successfully made contact with the applicant for more information. I have received an application for a volunteer EMT with the plan of attending the upcoming Northwood Tech class. Northwood Tech is also holding an EMR class in Mason starting in February with one prospective student from the fire department.

The application of Jordan Frierhood as a part time EMT was reviewed.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the EMT application of Jordan Frierhood. Voice vote taken, motion carried*

The Chair requested that the minutes from the Fire and Ambulance meetings be provided to the clerk.

Chairman Renz reviewed the Timeline –the clerk will add the Transfer Site passes and Short Term Rental ordinance to be re-addressed during the budget sessions.

*Motion made (Neff/Scully) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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