

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THE BARNES AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
OF AUGUST 1, 2016**

Current President Gene Ratzel called the meeting to order at 10:00am. The meeting was held at the Barnes Town Office. Members present: Gene Ratzel, Tom Emerson, Lu Peet, Mike Tremblay, Melissa Scully, Susan Pagnucci, Tom Krob and Bruce Hanson. (Melissa Scully had to leave at 10:30am.)

**Approval of the agenda:** Gene Ratzel asked that we change the agenda. Item # 2 [and also # 3] will be eliminated as we do not have a new Board of Directors in place yet and cannot establish a quorum. # 3 is approval of the agenda itself.

**Approval of payment of Business Tax Registration of \$10.00:** In order to remain as a corporation, Mr. Ratzel said we would have to send in our BTR before September. If we do not, we will forfeit our money and it will go to the State of Wisconsin. We cannot let this happen, he said. Motion (Lu Peet / Susan Pagnucci) to approve paying the \$10.00 for our Business Tax Registration fee to the State of Wisconsin. Call for discussion. Motion carried.

**Potential Board Members::** Loren Bohl, Justin Christenson, Mike Gorton, Susan Pagnucci, Tom Krob, Lu Peet, Mike Tremblay, Melissa Scully and Suzanne Widmar are the potential board members. All have agreed to serve. Motion (Susan Pagnucci / Lu Peet) to approve the slate of board members. Call for discussion. There was discussion on the terms of board members. Mr. Ratzel said that the Town Board members' terms would be staggered. Four of the appointed Board of Director members would have a one-year term and the rest would have a two-year term. Tom Krob Susan Pagnucci, Mike Tremblay and Lu Peet will have a one year term and the others; Loren Bohl, Justin Christenson, Mike Gorton, Melissa Scully and Suzanne Widmar would serve a two-year term. There was discussion as to the date of the Annual Meeting. It is in April 2017. The terms of office would expire then and there would have to be reappointments or other appointments made at that time. Gene said that board members could serve in more than one area. Motion carried.

**Potential Slate of Nominated Officers:** Gene Ratzel-President; Tom Emerson-Vice President; Bruce Hanson, Treasurer and a vacancy for Secretary are on the current slate of Officers. Motion (Mike Tremblay / Susan Pagnucci) to approve the following slate of Officers-Gene Ratzel, President; Tom Emerson, Vice President; Bruce Hanson, Treasurer and Melissa Scully, Secretary (Melissa said she would accept the temporary Secretary's position). Call for discussion. Motion carried. Gene Ratzel said that he would remain as President at least until April 2017. All of these offices would also be up for reelection at this time.

Gene Ratzel said that the BADC is not bound by the same rules as the Town and that the future business can be conducted by this board.

There was discussion on signatures at the bank. Right now there are two signatures required on our signature card. There was discussion that there should be three, in case one of the signers is not available. There was also discussion on the Treasurer being able to transfer money between the two accounts we have [savings and checking], as long as the money is not taken out of the accounts unless for bill payment or other authorized payments. There was a question if we have changed over to the Chippewa Valley Bank yet. Our current checks from the State Bank of Drummond are only good until the middle of August and must be cashed by then. Gene Ratzel said that we will go to the bank and get all of this taken care of. Gene would like to get the business checks again. We have about \$4,000.00+ in the checking and about \$10,000.00+ in the savings. We do get a small income from the several firms or organizations (Barnes Fire Department, Superior Fuel and Barnestormers Snowmobile Club) that have leases with the BADC.

Tom Emerson spoke on having a building of our own that we could lease out for various types of businesses such as relabeling or repackaging firms. It was noted that the BADC cannot have storefront sales out of the buildings. Gene Ratzel said that we had looked at such a prospective building in the past, but it seemed too expensive to have one put up. There was discussion on having Cedar Corporation redo our park plot plan for about \$2,500.00. The current location of the heliport is in question as far as its being in the park. Gene said we need to get involved more with Scottie Sandstrom and Bayfield County Economic Development. They could help promote our park. There was discussion of County Highway N and that a turn lane is needed at the park and Transfer Site entrance. It is a

hazardous area. N also has to have the restrictions lifted for travel for heavier trucks, at least to Highway 27. We will work with Bayfield County on this.

Gene Ratzel spoke on the agreement we have with the Town of Barnes. He spoke on the 99 year lease agreement that the BADC has with the Town. We have an operating agreement with the Town and in the operating agreement the BADC can go to the board for funding. We need to present the amount we would ask to have budgeted by September. In years past we have asked for funds, in some years we have not. We will approach the Board for funding this year, Gene said. The Town has to OK who we put in the park according to this agreement and what we can use this budgeted money for. We also need to have our Mission Statement. There was discussion on how many jobs are being produced by the firms in the park and what expenses do we have or will have.

Mike Tremblay asked if the By-Laws needed to be changed or modified or updated. There was discussion of the By-Laws and what they say. At the next meeting we will discuss the By-Laws and look to see what needs to be revised or updated. Gene Ratzel said that he would get a copy to all of the board members and officers and that they should read them over and make note of any suggestions, etc. by the next meeting. There was discussion on the leases we have now. We will look at the leases at the next meeting. Tom Krob suggested that Cedar Corporation come to our next meeting, also. The signature card issue will be discussed at the next meet, too.

The next meeting of the BADC will be held on Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 9:30am at the Barnes Town Offices.

*Motion (Susan Pagnucci / Lu Peet) to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.* The meeting was adjourned about 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Peet  
Barnes Area Development Corporation Acting Secretary  
Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2016