

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE
August 28, 2017

Present were Eric Altman, Tom Emerson, Greg Martin and Don Dealing. Mark Holm was absent.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM.

Motion by Tom/Greg to approve minutes of 6/6/17. Passed.

Discussion regarding prioritizing our blacktop roads: Barnes has 3 types of roads: blacktop, gravel and dirt. The Town needs to consider how to budget for repairs and upkeep of our roads. The first step in this process will be to prioritize blacktop roads by traffic count. The County has equipment we can use to do this. The first roads to be checked will be Pease Rd., Denver Rd., and George Lake Rd. Because of the difference in population between summer and winter months, we plan to do a winter count and a summer count to determine the average daily traffic (ADT) count for blacktop roads.

The three methods for repairing blacktop roads are: chip sealing; recondition or reconstruction.

Regarding the prioritizing of painting and striping, all blacktop roads in Barnes are in need of this attention. They will be painted and striped based on traffic count.

The standards and requirements for signs have been changed. The Town has the necessary material to replaced signs where needed, and this will be done as time allows. In addition, this committee will be tasked to identify places that need to have caution types of signs erected for safety purposes.

This committee will do research to determine standards for typical sections (design) for our gravel and dirt roads based on traffic counts for those roads.

Construction on the Lake Road project is scheduled to begin Sept. 18, 2017. The plan is to pulverize the existing road, bring to the proper grade and gravel it by snowfall; then blacktop in the spring of 2018. There was discussion of whether the Town should install standardized matching mailboxes when the paving is complete; and also whether the Town should pave all of the driveways on the new road to the extent of the right of way. Decisions on these two issues will be made at a later date.

As part of the discussion regarding roads, the issue of speed limits came up. According to statute, where there is no posted speed limit, the speed limit is 55 mph. Motion by Greg/Eric to recommend to the Board to change the speed limit on all Town roads to a maximum of 45 mph where applicable. Motion tabled after discussion for further consideration.

Next meeting: 9:00 AM on September 18, 2017.

Motion Greg/Tom to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Don Dealing, chair