

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tuesday April 16, 2024
6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

The **Monthly Town Board Meeting** was called to Order by Chairman Renz at 6:57pm and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Seana Frint, Dave Scully, Jim Frint and Eric Neff in attendance. Clerk Meyer verified notice.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 3/19/2024 Monthly Board Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes by (Dave/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Public Comment Session – No comments

Clerk Correspondence - Bayfield County approved an ordinance amendment creating a section and amending another pertaining to the use of shipping containers. Refer to Title 13 sec 13-1-36 and sec 13-1-4, 43 and 62. The security system has been installed at the Town Office. Any employee that currently has a key to the office needs to see Jeff J. if they haven't already to get a code. The keypad is located inside the front entry. The VPN is now available. This will allow department heads and board members to access the server from any location that has internet. Board members who bring their laptops to meetings can access the meeting documents directly from their desktop.

Our Quickbooks program has been moved from the desktop version to the online version as updates will no longer be necessary avoiding the need for our outside IT assistance, the cost savings will be \$309/yr and it will allow more than one user at a time to access the program.

The attorney has drafted the Quit Claim Deed for Michael Keniry for his approved bid of \$61,000 for tax id#2587 at last month's meeting. We should have that completed before the end of the month. I have been in contact with Michael regarding the status.

See cutting permits in packet

Lisa will be attending the MTA's Spring Conference from April 24th-26th

Clerk stated that residents who have questions regarding zoning permits or that would like to apply for a permit should visit the Bayfield County website as the county is now requiring that they apply directly to the county and the county will then forward applications to the town for approval. Tracy Pooler, Bayfield County Zoning is available by appointment. His direct contact number is 715-373-6138 or tracy.pooler@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

Approval of Ordinance, Chapter 21-Mobil Home Monthly Fee Ordinance

A motion to approve Ordinance, Chapter 21-Mobil Home Monthly Fee Ordinance was made by (Eric/Tom). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Discuss lease and possible land purchase bid for Superior Fuel. Chairman Renz stated that due to the personal property tax going away for 2024 we would not be collecting those funds from the leased property and it would be in the town's best interest to offer Superior Fuel the opportunity to purchase the land they are currently leasing. No motions were made at this time, open for future discussion.

Discuss bouncy house and climbing wall for Taste of Barnes.

A motion was made by (Tom/Jim) to open the floor. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried. Ricky Renz stated that he would still be able to get the activities even though he is working in a different area this year.

A motion was made by (Tom/Eric) to close the floor. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Chairman Renz stated that our current liability insurance would not cover either of these activities and it was discussed that the board look for a possible secondary insurer to retain to cover the activity.

Approve payment of \$1,003.80, dues for WTA membership 2024-25

A motion was made by (Dave/Seana) to approve payment of \$1,003.80, dues for WTA membership 2024-25. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval – March vouchers

A motion to approve the March vouchers was made by (Eric/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by (Tom/Jim). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried

TOB Department Head Reports:

A) **Highway Department** – Monthly Roads Report-Jeff Jordheim

Equipment: Winter equipment has been switched over to dirt. Graders will start the week of April 15th on north roads working their way south. Motoring public be aware they do not move very fast, so you can come up on them very fast.

Mowers will be out mowing the first week of June or shortly before. Again, you will come up on the mowers very fast, be very careful when trying to pass. A few extra minutes will not hurt you.

Roads: Culvert replacement will take place when conditions allow. A couple on rabbit hutch, as well as east shore road on the south end.

Gravel will be hauled on the north roads as well as the south roads.

Buildings: Power will be installed to the new sand/salt shed when Dahlberg has time.

Docks will be in April 29th

B) **Transfer Site** – Monthly Transfer Site Report-Jeff Hong

The transfer station had one recycle compactor and the mattress box go out on March 19th.

We also had a 40-yard trash compactor and a 30-yard open top go out on April 2nd. Liberty Tire picked up tires on April 4th.

C) **Fire Department** – Monthly BES Report – Brock Frierhood

Calls: 5 calls

-1 lift assist for EMS

-1 Ice Rescue of dog in pond

-1 Landing zone for EMS

-1 Car accident

-1 DNR assist with brush pile

New Engine is finally here. Everything has been transferred from the old engine and is in service.

Working on training for our yearly HIPAA and blood borne pathogens requirement.

Huge thank you to Brett and Tom for suiting up in our ice rescue suits and rescuing a dog from a partially frozen pond. This is why our combined training exercises are important so the fire and ambulance departments work well on incidents.

AGENDA ITEM:

1. Beer sales at the 4th of July fireworks-Brock stated no employees or volunteers would be involved.

A motion to approve 4th of July beer sales was made by (Tom/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried

D) **Ambulance Department** – Monthly BES Report – Brett Frierhood

It has been a busy month with 13 calls since the last meeting.

We are currently going through a combined EMR/EMT refresher class which most staff are taking. The class will be finishing at the end of the month and is providing the required education to renew licenses for the 2026-2029 renewal period.

The wellness grant for the Tomahawk Park trail addition was successfully submitted. Thank you to Courtney for getting that completed.

E) AIS Committee – Chris Webb – Discussion Points

Chris Webb presented a spreadsheet with volunteer times required and estimated grant awards and out of pocket expenses.

F) Land Use Planning Committee – Seana Frint

1. Approval Land Use Permit/Short term rental for Ryan & Jacquelyn Chamberlain, 50950 Bormann Rd.

A motion to table this application until the Land Use Planning Committee is able to get further information was made by (Tom/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried

Review Timeline – The May picnic scheduled for Mother’s Day weekend will be moved to the fall, date to be determined at a later date.

A motion was made (Eric/Dave) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm