

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Friday, May 3, 2019

UNAPPROVED

The Special Town Board Meeting in the Town Office was called to Order by Chairperson Webb at 9:00am and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Donna Porter and Sue Jansen in attendance. Fire Chief/Ambulance Director Tom Renz was also in attendance. Tom Emerson called in via a conference call at 9:12am. Seana Frint arrived at 9:27am. Clerk Bourassa verified notice.

A motion was made (Porter/Jansen) to approve the Agenda with the change to move #9 (Consider recommendations from the Planning Commission) up on the agenda when the remaining board members arrive. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Board approval of appointment of the BES Building Committee members

A motion was made (Porter/Jansen) to approve the appointment of Jerry Witt, Bob Paszak, Rick Rehl, Greg Martin and Tom Renz to the BES Building Committee.

Discussion followed with Donna asking if the meeting will be open to the public. Tom said all meetings will be posted and the public is invited to attend. Pending board approval of the committee members, a meeting will be held Thursday, May 9th at 10am. Supervisor Jansen asked why Guy Johnston wasn't asked to be included on the committee. Chief Renz stated that since Guy is on the Emergency Services Commission he wanted to keep the commission and committee separate. Chris has previously contacted Guy for suggestions and his continued input will be welcome. Several of the proposed committee members have construction experience.

Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Lakes Committee recommendations and mailing. Chris presented a quote she received for the cost of post cards, labels and postage. The cost includes the labor to attach the labels and mail the postcards.

A motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to have Advance Printing print and mail the postcard to the taxpayers at a cost of approx. \$497.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A letter to be sent to the Bayfield Co. Sheriff's Department, the County Recreation Officer, Department of Natural Resources Warden, Conservation Warden and the town attorney, John Carlson was read by Chairman Webb:

May 4, 2019

Bayfield County Sheriff Department
County Recreation Officer
Department of Natural Resources Warden
Conservation Warden
Attorney John Carlson

The Town Board of the Town of Barnes appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to recommend ways to promote safety on the water and promote compliance with state laws after the ordinance restricting hours for waterskiing and jet skiing was rescinded.

Recommendations from this committee included a request to local enforcement agencies, and local water patrols, to consider additional enforcement presence during high activity periods throughout 2019. Many of the events in town are low level, local activity. Like most small towns in our area, our higher activity periods are in July and August. Events promoted outside of the area and scheduled during this time are July 4th activities, Vatten Paddler Canoe Race, and a proposed music fest. Summer brings higher activity on roads and water, and additional safety concerns throughout the county, and the board does understand need for enforcement spread amongst the vast area.

The position of Town Constable was abolished as of April 2019 and recent changes to town ordinances have removed reference to enforcement by Constable; and reduced local restrictions. Citizens have been asked to contact Bayfield County Sheriff or DNR Tip Line to report safety concerns. As recommended by the Committee a postcard will be mailed to each taxpayer with contact information.

Another recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee was to support agency participation in Operation Dry Water by distributing posters throughout the town during the month of June. The Town will make use of materials available online. Other means of boating and safety education will also be considered.

The Town Board is committed to increased cooperation with Bayfield County and Wisconsin DNR in areas of safety for all of its citizens and tourists. To be fully aware of potential concerns, the Town Board is planning to request reports, on at least an annual basis, of enforcement activity within the town's boundaries. This type of information will assure citizens their safety concerns are addressed.

The citizens of the Town of Barnes support and requests:

1. Additional presence during high activity periods throughout 2019.
2. Agency involvement in Operation Dry Water.
3. Summary Report of enforcement activity for 2019 to Town Board by October 30, 2019.

On behalf of the Board,

Christine Webb
Town Board Chairman

Supervisor Emerson asked if the restricted waterskiing hours still in effect on the Lower Eau Claire Lake was referenced in the letter. Chairperson Webb reiterated that this letter is being sent to law enforcement officers, not the taxpayers, and law enforcement is aware of the restrictions.

Motion made (Porter/Jansen) authorizing the town board chairman to send this letter to the officers referenced above. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Supervisor Jansen asked if the Lakes Committee's recommendations included the officers to consider additional enforcement presence during high activity periods throughout 2019. Chairperson Webb pointed out that that is referenced in paragraph 2. Supervisor Jansen requested that that be repeated at the bottom of the letter regarding "citizens of Town of Barnes support and request..." Chairperson Webb agreed to do that. Committee member Linda Mackley, who was in attendance, agreed that the recommendations the committee made were included in the letter.

The planning commission agenda items were moved up on the agenda as discussed earlier

Supervisor Emerson addressed the application for Bill and Millie's Cabin LLC to rezone from R-1 and R-3 to R-1. The planning commission approved the application because it makes the depth of the lake lots similar. There was no one present representing Bill and Millie's Cabin LLC.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve Bill and Millie's Cabin LLC application to rezone their property at 1875 Buchman Rd to R-1. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Tim Boche and Lynn Case were in attendance to address the application for Lynn Case Et Al. Supervisor Emerson stated the commission recommended approval of the application as "after-the-fact" since the structures are already on site and require that the septic system be inspected. He stated there is also an outhouse on the property and that should be inspected as well.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve Laura Lynn Case Et Al of 51725 Pease Rd conditional use permit for multiple structures as an "after the fact" and require inspection of the septic system and outhouse and that it is not a rental property.

Tim Boche stated he purchased the property and got a privy permit in 1993. There was also a storage building on site. He contacted the county about building a storage building and since it would be under 200 sq. ft. was told a permit was not needed. The property was deeded to family members in approx. 2000, and in 2015 a building permit was obtained to construct a building and which was subsequently inspected. In 2016 a septic tank was added with a 3 bedroom capacity to be used only by that building. There were no other questions, so Chairperson Webb asked for a vote.

Voice vote taken, motion carried.

For the benefit of Seana Frint and Tom Emerson, Chairperson Webb reviewed the appointment of the committee members as listed above and the mailing of postcards with the Lakes Committee recommendations.

Discussion regarding advertising for Tomahawk Lake Park and Barnes Town Park in the Eau Claire Lakes brochure

A motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to authorize payment of \$300.00 for 2 spots for Tomahawk Lake Park and the Barnes Town Park in the Eau Claire Lakes Business Association brochure. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Tom Emerson had to leave the meeting at 10am.

Discussion of WITC agreement/Opera as a Team Sport class

We currently receive \$20 from WITC to hold classes in the Town Hall so if the class wasn't sponsored thru WITC, the class would have to pay the \$75 fee to use the town hall and provide proof of liability coverage. As stated in the Town Hall Use Agreement, activities/programs charging admission for attendance are excluded.

Authorize A.I.S. Committee to hire Matt Berg for Plant Studies on Tomahawk Lake and Sand Bar Lake

A motion was made (Webb/Frint) to hire Matt Berg for Plant Studies in Tomahawk Lake and Sand Bar Lake. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Appoint Marcia Wellnitz to A.I.S. Committee. Chairperson Webb reported that there is still another opening on the committee. Donna Porter suggested that the lakeshore monitor volunteers be asked if they would like to serve on the committee.

A motion was made (Webb/Porter) to appoint Marcia Wellnitz as a member of the A.I.S. Committee. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Supervisor Jansen asked if it would be possible to schedule Special Town Board Meetings on a specific day and time so townspeople would know when the board is meeting. Chairperson Webb stated that it would be difficult to plan specific days since the reason for Special Board Meetings is to address issues that require action prior to the next Town Board Monthly meeting. Clerk Bourassa stated that all meetings are posted 24 hours in advance at the Town Hall, Cabin Store, Chippewa Valley Bank and on the Town website.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27am.

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