

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairman 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 April Powell verified public notice. Brett Frierhood, Brock Frierhood and Jeff Jordheim were also in attendance in the Town Hall.

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 02/20/23 Monthly Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Motion made (Scully/Neff) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 02/20/23 Monthly Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session – Greg Dalbec addressed the board regarding the upcoming Board Meeting regarding the Robinson Lake Campground. He asked that the board have a more civil meeting during April's board meeting and that the focus stays on the campground proposal instead of inappropriate remarks regarding the resort and bar. Greg stated that they have made many improvements on their cabins and bar/restaurant while owning the property. He stated when he bought the property one of the main things he planned on pursuing was the campground sites. They have put all their money into their property and it has been all their own money, no grants. He wanted to let the board know he will have his legal team at the April Meeting.

Clerk Correspondence – The clerk reported that an email was received from Bob & Mary LaBadie regarding the transfer site passes. They feel that it not fair for the seasonal residents and they would like to propose that the board let the seasonal residents go to a 6 month pass or only charge when using the garbage facility; a letter was also received from another resident stating that he feels that the new transfer site pass discriminates against people who do not have very much garbage. He stated that he would like to see the transfer site go back to per bag cost or to have the Board review the cost of \$120.00. He feels the cost is going to cause a lot of people to litter in the area because he feels they too will not want to pay the \$120.00 fee; a letter was received from Wisconsin Towns s Associations regarding Ashland/Bayfield County Unit Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 27 at 7:00 regarding legislation and updates WTA directors; A zoning ordinance was adopted February 28, 2023 regarding the length of the Land Use Permits that will be expiring in 24 month instead of 12 months and the State Sanitary Permits will expire in 2 years from date of issue. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment are at the Town Office if anyone would like to review; Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan Committee sent over Maps asking for the Board members input on updating the Bayfield County Comprehensive Plant that is being updated this year. There have been 18 emails/letters received regarding the Robinson Campground.

Doug Westerberg asked if the Town of Barnes could provide snow removal at the BAHA Museum. Doug stated that as long as the Town would plow one path in the driveway of the Museum it would help them get into the museum to check the heat and make sure that everything is working properly through the winter months. Highway Foreman Jeff Jordheim agreed to plow a path in the

BAHA Museum parking lot. Jeff asked that Doug just call to let him know when he needed to have the snow removed and he would get the path cleared for them as soon as time allowed.

The board reviewed the Class B Original Liquor License and Cigarette and Tobacco Products license applications from Salty Dawgs LLC, agent Megan Stumpf.

Motion made (Scully/Neff) to approve the applications of Salty Dawgs, LLC. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The board reviewed the annual statement for Rural Mutual Insurance that will be due April 1st in the amount of \$33,537.00 for the Workers Compensation and Business Owner Policy.

Motion was made (Neff/J.Frint) to approve the annual payment to Rural Mutual Insurance. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The board reviewed the annual renewal of Hayward Chamber of Commerce for the amount of \$180.00.

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

Chairman Renz asked if the funds from the Short Term Rentals could be applied to pay for Marketing/Tourism such as the Hayward Chamber of Commerce. Supervisors Neff and S Frint agreed that using the funds collected from the Short Term Rentals should be used to pay for Marketing/Tourism.

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

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the annual payment to Hayward Chamber of Commerce. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: April Powell

The ending balance in the General Checking is \$390,976.32, \$707,995.85 is the ending balance in the Money Market account with \$488.25 interest earned; 3,136.81 is the ending balance in the Vatten Paddlar Account (no activity); The PayPal account has a balance \$5,780.19 (\$300.00) donation was received; Taste of Barnes account has balance of \$5,306.00 (\$20.00) donation received and the Tax Collection Account had a balance of \$670,966.52 for a total of all funds of \$1,778,855.69.

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

Highway Dept Report-Jeff Jordheim

December Roads/Property Report-NONE

Foreman Jeff Jordheim feels we should renew the annual contract with Delmore Consulting LLC in the amount of \$5,000. He stated that it would be a good investment since Delmore Consulting

would help with the South Shore and bridge grants. He also stated they would help with all the grants including LRIP and the TRLD funding's.

Chairman Renz asked if South Shore Bridge was a for sure thing this year. Foreman Jordheim is pushing for May depending of road conditions/roads closed. Brett Frierhood asked Foreman Jordheim to please him know if he hears of any roads closed so it could be passed on to the EMT/Fire Dept.

A motion was made (Scully/Neff) to approve the annual payment to Delmore Consulting LLC. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Monthly Report Fire

Calls: 4 calls; False alarm, snowmobile fire and 2 lift assists.

Still contacting Stainless and Repair to see when the new truck might be getting built.

Working on inventory of all the apparatus. The brush truck has been hopefully repaired for the time being. The batteries were always draining, the master switch has been properly installed now.

Working on fulfilling and finalizing last year's DNR FFP grant.

Chairman Renz asked when the Grant is due, Brock stated it is due April 15th, 2023.

Brock asked if the board would consider allowing alcohol to be served at the 4th of July festivities from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The alcohol would fall under Ruckus in the Woods, LLC and the bartenders have already been taken care of. The proceeds would go to the Barnes EMS and Fire Dept. No EMS or FIRE personal will be involved in the selling of the beer.

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to allow the sale of alcohol to be served at the 4th of July festivities from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Monthly Report Ambulance-

6 calls since the February meeting. One was not fully staffed and Sawyer County provided coverage. One was a mutual aid call into Sawyer County which was cancelled prior to reaching the scene. Total of 28 calls combined between both departments which is trending toward approximately 130 calls for the year, a 30% increase from last year.

Jake has chosen to not continue as training officer. No one has stepped forward to fill the position, however Les has volunteered to conduct some training nights.

The Flex grant first expense report has been submitted to the State EMS office. Submitting this report will trigger the payment of the second half of the award amount. Once received the monitor upgrade can be purchased. I have been notified EMS funding payments from the County are ready to go and we should be seeing them soon.

The new ambulance step was installed last week and is working well. The biennial ambulance inspection was also completed, requiring only an updated insurance card to be placed in the ambulance.

An EMT application was received from a local person and an interview is being scheduled. During a phone conversation the candidate did inquire about the possibility of working 12 hour shifts due to child care logistics. Jordan continues to attend the EMT class and is doing well. She has received her training center training permit which allows her to conduct clinicals. She also applied for and received her basic training permit, however it may require a resubmission to act as a legal second crewmember. We continue to search for an EMR class for Zack with a possible one in Amnicon in April and a Stone Lake one coming up in May.

LifeQuest has proposed switching from charging a base rate plus supply expenses to charging a single combined rate. This would eliminate the need to complete a charge sheet for each call and would provide a single line item rather than an itemized list that insurance companies can pick apart. I do not have a list of proposed rates, however can provide one at the next meeting.

Chairman Renz reviewed the timeline from memory (missing from his packet) and asked that the 1 year Clerk/Treasurer term expiring 4/18/2023 be discussed at April's board meeting. Clerk April Powell will print timelines for the next board meeting and will include the Clerk/Treasurer term that is expiring 04/18/2023.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 PM.