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# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 30, 2022**

## **UNAPPROVED**

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Tom Renz at 6:30pm. Roll Call was taken with Supervisors Jim Frint, Eric Neff and Dave Scully present. Supervisor Seana Frint was absent. Clerk Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

The clerk requested that the agenda be amended to include discussion and possible action on the purchase of FiAR-fire extinguisher prop for community training as requested by Fire Chief Brock Friermood.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the Agenda with the requested addition as item #8. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

Closed Session: As the governing body for the Town of Barnes, the Town Board will go into a closed session pursuant to the following: employee review, highway & transfer site candidates

- a) Wis. Stat § 19.85(c) "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."

*Motion made (Renz/Neff) to go into closed session at 6:33pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Neff/Scully) to return to open session at 7:28pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

The clerk reported receiving an email from two Highway applicants stating they are withdrawing their applications.

No action was taken from closed session.

Discussion regarding Dave Schiess as a highway consultant and wage. The Foreman would like to have him used as a trainer (particularly on grading) and not as an operator and on an as needed basis. Chairman Renz was concerned that could be a conflict of interest since Dave is currently serving on the Roads & Right of Way Committee. The clerk will contact WTA regarding the potential conflict of interest.

*Motion made (Scully/Neff) to table this issue until more information is received. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Consider quotes for the culvert replacement for Mulligan Creek Rd. Two quotes, one from Olson Brothers and one from Tenet were received.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to accept the quote from Olson Bros. in the amount of \$3,750.00 to replace the 36" culvert. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Fire Chief Brock Frierhood arrived at 7:40pm.

Consider Ambulance Director's recommendation to hire Sarah Jullef as a part-time EMT. Supervisor Scully said he agrees with Brett's recommendation and that she would like to go full-time eventually.

*Motion made (Scully/Renz) to take Sarah Jullef on as a part-time EMT. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Discussion of the purchase of FiAR – fire extinguisher prop for community training. Fire Chief Brock Frierhood said two grants have been obtained that would be used to cover the cost of approximately \$15,200.00 so the funds would come out of these grant funds.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the purchase of FiAR. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Discussion regarding banking options and the handling of Transfer Site funds for deposit. Supervisor Neff said he reviewed the information received and recommends closing the accounts at Chippewa Valley Bank and opening accounts at Associated Bank.

*Motion made (Renz/Neff) that the Town of Barnes begin banking with Associated Bank and close our accounts with Chippewa Valley Bank. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

Discussion regarding fees for liquor and cigarette licenses for 2022. Fees have been reduced for the past two years due to the pandemic. Chairman Renz suggested the fees be restored to the pre-pandemic amounts.

*Motion made (Renz/Neff) to charge businesses \$220.00 for liquor licenses, \$50.00 for beer licenses and \$25.00 for cigarette and tobacco products licenses. Roll call vote taken with Supervisors Neff and Scully voting yes, Chairman Renz voting yes and Supervisor Jim Frint abstaining (Supervisor Seana Frint was absent).*

Consider Cheryl Beshoar's 2 year operator's license application.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve Cheryl Beshoar's application. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Discussion regarding 2022 budget allocations and 2% Fire Dues. The 2% Fire Dues are automatically deposited into the Town's General Account and are included in the annual budget. Chairman Renz said the funds could be put in a separate account if needed. Fire Chief Brock Frierhood said he just wanted understand the process and where the money was spent.

Discussion regarding Bayfield County's letter regarding the sale of parcels 1535 and 3943.

The Town Board has no interest in purchasing either of these parcels.

Chairman Renz reported that he received a letter from Vilas County asking for support regarding their request to government officials (governor and law makers) to increase the levy limit.

*Motion made (Renz/Scully) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

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