

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 2021
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Tom 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 Seana Frint, Eric Neff, Dave Scully and Jim Frint in attendance in the Town Hall. Clerk Judy Bourassa verified public notice. Jeff Jordheim, Brett Frierhood and Brock Frierhood were also in attendance in the Town Hall.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Motion made (Scully/J.Frint) to approve the agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairman Renz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/18/2021 Monthly Board Meeting and the minutes of the 5/4, 5/11 and 5/18/2021 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.

The clerk requested that the 5/18 monthly board meeting minutes will be amended to read “33’ of roadway” not “33’ of right of way” in regard to Dave Schiess’s comment.

Motion made (Scully/S. Frint) to approve the minutes as amended of the 5/4, 5/11 and 5/18 meetings. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session – limited to 3 minutes

Jim Lancour asked if there has been any discussion regarding the paving of Pine Chip Drive by the current board. He said it was discussed at a previous meeting so he wants to know when it will be paved. Chairman Renz said he would bring it up in the 2022 budget discussions. Chairman Renz called on Chris Webb to see if she could recall any board conversations about it. She suggested checking the Road Management Plan to see if it is on the timeline.

Clerk Correspondence – Letter from Bayfield Co. Planning & Zoning stating they approved the application from Mountaineer Properties, LLC. The clerk reported that she has filed for the American Rescue Plan Act (Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Request) fund distribution.

Presentation by Delmore Consulting- Jeff Delmore was unable to attend due to illness

Campground Proposal and meetings with FOECLA and BAHA– Dave Scully

He met with the two groups to establish a dialogue and would like to continue meeting with area groups to see what the board can do to help their organizations. He’d like a “Welcome Packet” be developed that can be given to new residents to make them aware of services/businesses in the area. He thinks there is an attitude of “us versus them” and he’d like that to change.

Supervisor Dave Scully had a PowerPoint presentation proposing a 30 site campground (with possible future expansion) in the Town on property off Barnes Road in the general area behind the Town Park to the west. A draft proposal includes showers & bathrooms and a dump station, with

the possible option of cottages. He estimated the total initial cost to be \$300,000, minus site prep (based on 30 sites with 20' buffers in between). The Town of Drummond received a grant to finance the construction of their campground. The grants are awarded in August but the application deadline for this year has passed, but he would like the board to consider applying for the grant in the future. He sees it as a revenue stream so that as town expenses increase we wouldn't have to go to the taxpayers for all the funding.

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

Brett Frierhood asked why the Tourism Committee was opposed to the idea when the idea was brought up previously. Dave stated that they were concerned about the number of people coming into the area. Carol LeBreck said she served on the Committee at the time it was proposed and one of the concerns was due to the location proposed (on a busy road) and the proposed clearing of the property. She mentioned that the County has constructed "yurks" which have been very well received so that could be an option instead of cottages.

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

Supervisor Scully would like the board to consider the campground proposal during the upcoming budget discussions. Seana Frint suggested a short term committee be formed to determine the feasibility of the proposal.

Rescind the motion regarding the sending of letters to Bony Lake Rd. property owners made at the 6/1/21 meeting

Motion made (Scully/S. Frint) to rescind their motion at the 6/1/21 meeting in regard to the 30 day notice to be sent to all the property owners on Bony Lake Rd. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

Review amended TOB Roads & Right-of-Way Policy that the town attorney drew up. It removes the reference to Wis. Stat. 86.04.

Motion made (Scully/J. Frint) to approve the new Town Roads & Right-of-Way Policy. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion on tree removal on Bony Lake Rd Right-of-Way. Supervisor Neff would like the trees to remain, while Supervisor Scully stated he sympathized with Carol LeBreck, but he is concerned that if the trees are marked for removal the town would be liable if someone were to hit them. Supervisor Neff said he'd like a variance process implemented for the future.

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

Carol LeBreck stated that the 3 trees are now outside of the clear zone based on the new policy. Further discussion ensued with input from Chris Webb, Brett Frierhood and Brock Frierhood.

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

Motion made (Scully/J. Frint) to remove the trees on Bony Lake Rd. within the town policy. Roll call vote taken, with members Renz, S. Frint, Scully, J. Frint voting yes and Supervisor Neff voting no.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Eau Claire Lakes Area

The MOU was revised after discussion with FOECLA, removing “voluntary, no-wake” and replacing with “cautionary watercraft slow speed safety program” in the introduction and as number 2) under objectives. FOECLA also requested the inclusion of Definitions and References.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to accept the revised MOU with FOECLA. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Liquor Licenses

Motion was made (Renz/Neff) to approve the renewal licenses for Barnes VFW Post, Traut’s Resort, The Windsor, Enchanted Inn, Cedar Lodge Steakhouse & Grille, Barnes Trading Post, PJ’s Cabin Store, R-C’s Decoy Inn, Moonbeam Cove, Inc. (dba Crosswinds), KTKG, LLC (dba Robinson Lake Resort and Bar), Doorn’s Inn and Ruckus Works, LLC. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Motion was made (Renz/Neff) to approve the renewal license for Jim’s Bait LLC. A roll call vote was taken with Supervisors Seana and Jim Frint abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Operator’s Licenses

Motion was made (Renz/S. Frint) to approve the 2 year operator licenses for Sara Adams, Angela Arseneau, Brenda Bakke, Elizabeth Baldwin, Donn Bergquist, James Clemmer, Lisa DiPlacido, John Draganowski, Kami Fesenmaier, Samara Frelichowski, Nancy Gohde, Julie Hall, Loretta Jordheim, Kelly Krivinchuk, Sherry Lepage, Colleen Ruhman, Scott Ruhman, Lynn Skandel, Jeffrey Stumpf and Amanda VanDoorn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Motion was made (Renz/Neff) to approve the 2 year operator license for Jim Frint. Roll call vote was taken with Supervisors Seana and Jim Frint abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made (Renz/S. Frint) to authorize the issuance of a 6 month probationary operator licenses to Sarah Neveaux and Lester Gates. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licenses

Motion was made (Renz/Neff) to approve R-C’s Decoy Inn, Barnes Trading Post and PJ’s Cabin Store’s cigarette and tobacco products licenses. Voice vote taken, the motion carried.

Motion was made (Renz/Scully) to approve the license for Jim’s Bait, LLC for cigarette and tobacco product license. Roll call vote was taken with Supervisors Seana and Jim Frint abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Consider Ruckus in the Woods Town Park Usage agreement and electrical upgrades

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the Town Park Usage Agreement upon receipt of the Liability insurance policy. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to allow PJ Foat to make the electrical upgrades requested as long as it's done to code and by a licensed electrician and at his expense. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Consider Cable Chamber of Commerce membership for 2021

Motion made (Neff/Scully) that we participate in the Cable Chamber of Commerce. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding contracting with a Payroll Service-Clerk Bourassa has had demos with Paycom and Paylocity. This would allow for direct deposits and mobile access for punching in/out and streamline the payroll process as well as allow for job costing & equipment usage tracking. The clerk estimates that between herself and the deputy clerk, the town pays approximately \$5,000/year on payroll and recommends the board accept the Paycom proposal which would cost an average of \$269.86 per payroll and a one-time client conversion fee of \$786.42.

Motion made (Renz/S. Frint) to contract with Paycom for Payroll Services. Voice vote taken motion carried.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve May vouchers

Motion made (Neff/S. Frint) to approve the May vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The ending balance in the General Checking is \$714,670.60. \$811,630.15 is the ending balance in the Money Market Account which includes donations to the Tomahawk Lake Park fund; \$5,256.04 is ending balance in the Vatten Paddlar Account with additional sponsorship checks and registration fees received. The Tax Collection Account has a balance of \$1,814.26, there are still a few refund checks outstanding; the PayPal account has a balance \$3,772.43 (all TLP donations) for a total of all funds of \$1,537,143.48 with \$412.66 in interest earned so far this year.

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

Highway Dept. Report – Jeff Jordheim

Roads & Property

- Roads... Mowing has started and will continue through the summer.
- Shouldering is ongoing throughout the town
- Robinson / Bony have been paved with shouldering to be placed yet.
- Grading will start again when weather allows

Equipment

- Zero Turn has been delivered, mowing time to be cut down by about half.
- Old brush mower has been repaired with seat; hood parts replaced to maintain safe operation.
- The green brush mower is out mowing until new brush tractor shows up which should be this week.

- The broom for the cat wheel loader works great, normal for a set of wafers/bristles is forty hours, the first set lasted fifty hours. A new set has been installed already, should take the rest of the summer.
- Property
- Tomahawk Lake Park swim dock has been repaired again and is back in the water for use. This will be the last year for that dock, unless a major rebuild is done.
- Brush mowing for the ski trail will this week.
- Island Lake dock has been repaired and replaced, some must of hit it or backed into.
- Mimi Lake dock has been moved out into deeper water. Also a different walking path down to the dock is the works. This will be done by the highway crew.
- Still waiting on banners and flags for the poles for the fourth. When they arrive they will go up.

Discussion regarding use by Commercial businesses and fees to be charged

Motion made (Renz/Neff) that the cost for a single axle truck (5 yards or less) would be \$25 and the cost for any larger amounts would be \$100. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding opening Transfer Site to Commercial businesses. Since we receive recycling grant funds, the commercial businesses' recycling will have to be segregated from residential recycling so a couple of the recycling bins will have to be labeled as such. Additional bins may be needed so the Foreman will contact Republic Services.

Motion made (Renz/Scull) to allow Commercial businesses to use the Transfer Site (garbage and recycling) and pay the same fees as the residents and bins be designated as Commercial. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Hiring of John Loughren to run the mower/brusher on an as needed basis – Jeff stated he would like him to start tomorrow and run it for 8 hours a day until they get caught up (he estimated 24 to 28 hours per week for 3 weeks).

Motion made (Renz/S. Frint) to hire John Loughren at \$18/hr for up to 28 hours per week until they are caught up with mowing. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chip sealing or Crack sealing of garage parking lot-tabled for July meeting

Chip sealing of Lake Rd – County Hwy N to bridge-tabled for July meeting

Fire Department Report – Brock Frieremood

Monthly report Fire

1 run/motorcycle accident, nothing found

The new side by side has had its winch installed by the highway department and is operational.

This month's fire training will be held tomorrow night with Drummond Fire.

Fire association meeting is next week, Bayfield County dispatch might begin doing auto-aid paging soon for structure fires. With this, they would page us and then the two next closest departments for any confirmed structure fire. Logistics of how this might work are still trying to be sorted out

Ambulance Department Report – Brett Frierhood

Donna Porter Service Recognition-Donna was unable to attend but Brett recognized her 35 years of service as an EMT and 14 years as Ambulance Secretary.

Sophia Harr was introduced as a new EMT.

Discussion on Gordon-Wascott Coverage/Mutual Aid Agreement

Motion made (Renz/S. Frint) to authorize Brett Frierhood to sign the Combined Coverage and Mutual Aid Agreement with Gordon-Wascott EMS with the change to make the agreement renewed annually. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion on purchase of pagers-Chairman Renz asked Brett if he had gotten quote from DSC Communications, Brett said he had not so the Chairman asked that he do so and purchase them whoever had the lowest price.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to authorize Brett Frierhood to purchase the pagers from the lower priced vendor (General Communications or DSC Communications). Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Monthly report Ambulance

2 Ambulance calls since the last Board meeting, a motorcycle crash with no patient found and a sick person.

The second full-time EMT, Sophie Harr, has started and is continuing through orientation. Jake Coleson has been onboarded as a part-time EMT and Training Officer. Dawn Piburn and Sonja Von Frank have passed the National Registry testing, currently waiting on licensing.

The UTV has been equipped with supplies and equipment for use in trail rescue and training was conducted at our last meeting. I am working on equipping it with emergency and scene lighting and radio.

A Coverage and Mutual Aid agreement drafted by Gordon-Wascott EMS is attached. I have been unable to find documentation of an existing mutual aid agreement outside of Highland. This agreement is similar to the coverage agreements we have with other services, with the addition of a mutual aid component.

We currently do not have pagers for all personnel forcing some to rely on cell phones for notification. Quote attached from General Communications. Request to purchase 6 pagers, possibly with FAP funds for equipment.

I recently attended a Vatten Paddlar meeting to discuss medical coverage of the event. With the exception of race start times there is minimal change planned from previous years.

Current roster: 9 EMTs, 2 EMRs, 2 EMT Trainees, 1 EMT Student.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

Appointment of Bill Webb to a 2 year term as Land Use Planning Commissioner effective 6/15/2021 to 6/15/2023

Motion made (Renz/S. Frint) to approve the appointment of Bill Webb to a 2 year term as commissioner on the Land Use Planning Commission. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Land Use Planning Commission: Seana Frint

1. Robert E. Anderson Sr. of 2480 Bony Lake Rd-After-the-fact Conditional Use permit for multiple residences and to allow a 1 unit short term rental
2. Bed & Heidi Chadwick, Parcel #2661 - Special Use permit for a driveway in a wetland area

Motion made (S. Frint/Scully) to approve the after-the-fact permit for Robert E. Anderson, Sr. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Motion made (S. Frint/Renz) to approve the Special Use permit for Ben & Heidi Chadwick with the condition that best practices erosion control be maintained. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A.I.S. Committee – Chris Webb –BAISS operations started 2 weeks ago on the Upper and have now moved to the Middle. Shoreline monitors have been contacted and asked to report any invasive species detected. Clean Boats, Clean Waters boat landing monitors started Memorial weekend and responsibilities for scheduling are being shifted since they've recently added committee members. Brochures will be printed identifying where invasive species have been detected and distributed to businesses, short term rentals and community organizations. Chris Webb asked the board to approve the appointment of Julia Lyons to the committee and the addition of Jim Warn, Mark Bauer and Bruce Piburn as divers.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve Jim Warn, Mark Bauer & Bruce Piburn as seasonal divers for CBCW. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the appointment of Julia Lyons as a member of the committee. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Parks & Rec Committee - Pat Johnston

Update on Town Parks – the committee recommends that a sign be installed at the north entrance on Barnes Rd to Tomahawk Lake Park as people have reported having difficulty finding the parking area. Storage for the new groomer that has been ordered will be needed. The committee asked if a swimming dock is needed at Tomahawk. Safety concerns were discussed but no decision was made. The skates in the warming house will be taken in to be sharpened and bids will be going out for a new heater in the warming house.

Roads & Right Of Way Committee: Jim Frint

Chris Lane has submitted an application to be a new member of the RROW committee. Chairman Renz asked that the RROW committee meet with him and make a recommendation to the board.

Discussion regarding Rabbit Hutch Road of repairing the north portion and terminating the south portion.

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

Dave Schiess said he thought the road should be maintained and not terminated. It allows access to the county forest and is passable if you maintain it properly.

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

Motion made (Renz/J. Frint) instructing the Roads & Property Foreman to meet with Dave Schiess, Jim Frint and Eric Neff and determine what is needed to improve/maintain Rabbit Hutch Rd. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The RROW committee recommends that the board begin engineering on Lake Road (bridge to Hwy 27)

Motion made (J. Frint/Scully) that we reach out to engineering firms for bids for the Outlet Bay Road intersection and Lake Road from the Bridge to Hwy 27. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Consider RROW Committee recommendation to terminate the south end of Moen Rd at Birch Lake Rd. Discussion followed.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) that this recommendation be sent back to the RROW committee for further review. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairman Renz reviewed the Timeline. The clerk will update as requested.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm.

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