

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – June 19, 2018
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30PM. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Tom Emerson, Seana Frint, Donna Porter and Zach Desrosiers in attendance. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

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

Motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 05/15/2018 Monthly Board Meeting, the 05/15/2018 Board of Review Meeting and the 05/15, 05/16 and 05/24/2018 Special Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to open the floor for public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

John Strachota-keep

Tony Bauer-rescind

Norbert Kearns-spoke regarding maintenance of Fahrner Rd

Paul Liberte-keep, concerned about size of boats

Carl Heltne-spoke regarding the AD HOC Committee he would like to see created, he also spoke about some vulgar letters and dangerous items left in mailboxes

Thom Storm-keep

Mary Streitz-keep and she spoke to some of the legal issues related to the ordinance

Sue Jansen-keep

Barbara Possin-keep and encouraged creating a water safety committee

David Gardner-keep and reminded the board that they are a representative government

Lloyd Pickering-keep

Bill Patza-keep

Nancy Walsh (on behalf of Joanne Katzmarek)-keep

Eric Neff-keep

Cris Neff-keep

Greg Martin-encouraged the board accept the proposal from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers

Jim Krook-keep

Lee Wiesner-keep and asked the town board to contact the sheriff about issuing a slow, no wake Ordinance temporarily while the water is high

Barb Romstad-keep

Sally Pease-keep

Terry Kolberg-keep

Craig Willert-favors changing the ordinance, not rescinding

Ingemar Ekstrom-keep and concerned about losing volunteers

Cheryl Appeldorn-keep

Anne Torrey-keep

Blaine Olson-keep

Carol LeBreck-keep

Richard Buckwalter-commended the board on the recent termination of the Hwy foreman

Fred Horstman-keep

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to close the floor for public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence – several emails have been received regarding the Chapter 8 Jet Ski Ordinance, both supporting the ordinance and other supporting rescision. A letter was received from Carl Heltne of the Friends of Eau Claire Lakes Association requesting that the board create an ad hoc committee to facilitate a solution to the issues surrounding Chapter 8 ordinance. A letter was received from Tom Krob of Backwoods Resort requesting that his renewal application for liquor license be withdrawn.

Water Safety Initiative AD HOC Committee-Tom Emerson spoke in favor of creating a Committee

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to create a Water Safety Initiative AD HOC Committee.

Discussion followed with Supervisor Frint asking if the committee would address all the issues, in particular the safety issue. Supervisor Desrosiers asked who would make up the committee, Chairperson Webb stated it would be the board's decision.

Voice vote taken, motion carried, 3 votes in favor and 2 opposed.

Chairperson Webb stated that the next step would be to select the members.

Chapter 8 Section 4 Ordinance-Zach Desrosiers stated he's heard from the public and he will make a motion to rescind the ordinance.

Motion made (Desrosiers/Frint) to rescind the Chapter 8 Section 4 ordinance.

Supervisor Frint asked what the board's feeling is on changing the hours, and the conclusion was that wouldn't make a difference. Chairperson Webb read a statement as follows:

Safety is a priority.

Ordinance Chapter 8 states the Town has adopted State of Wisconsin Boating and Safety Laws.

These laws are applicable on all inland lakes; and all inland lakes that have public access have active law enforcement by water safety patrols maintained by State DNR department and County Sheriff's Recreational Officers. The Town of Barnes has 7 lakes with public access: Upper Eau Claire, Middle Eau Claire, Tomahawk, George, Robinson, Island and Pickeral; and share Lower Eau Claire lake with the Town of Gordon which has jurisdiction over the public access.

There is a misconception amongst many that the Resolution 8-4 is a slow no-wake resolution. It is not. Boaters are free to use the water 24 hours a day at 'reasonable and prudent speeds' as

long as State law is followed. Lakes under 50 acres are slow, no-wake lakes by State Statute. The only lake with public access under 50 acres is George Lake.

Confrontations have been escalating over the past few years. That is the safety concern.

This Town Board did not initiate the current actions. Accusations against Board Members are unfair and non-productive. Recent discussions are a result of actions taken last summer, when flyers were left in mailboxes and were posted on private properties. The illegal action was reported to the US Post Office, who then spoke with Barnes Town Chair. Escalating confrontations and increased reports caused concern by Wisconsin DNR, who then asked to meet with Town Boards of both Gordon and Barnes.

All discussions have been held in regularly scheduled open meetings. Opinions of the public have been requested by postcard, personal contacts and of course email. The opinions of the public have been offered to the Town Board along with opinions from legal, law enforcement, DNR and others.

Personal attacks are non-productive. Individuals need to stop trying to enforce their own beliefs on the neighbors. The Town Board does their best to make productive decisions based on fact, not feelings.

She also referred to information received from Mark Little, DNR Safety Specialist Warden and Paul Susienka, Bayfield County Sheriff.

Supervisor Emerson stated he respectfully disagreed with the motion to rescind, saying he'd like the Water Safety Initiative AD HOC committee to address some of these issues. Supervisor Frint spoke of personal attacks she's been subjected to.

Roll call vote was taken and motion carried 3-2 with Supervisors Zach Desrosiers and Frint and Chairperson Webb voting yes and Supervisors Emerson and Porter voting no.

A budget resolution was presented to add accounts for the \$2,040 Bayfield County Health Infrastructure Grant that was received.

Motion was made (Desrosiers/Emerson) to approve Resolution 18-03 amending the 2018 Budget. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Move bulletin board at Arch Heating (formerly Webb Realty) to the Cabin Store.

Motion was made (Frint/Porter) to approve Resolution 18-05 to change the legal posting of notices sites to the town website, the Town Hall and PJ's Cabin Store.

Liquor Licenses

Chris Webb requested verification that we have not received any notices from WI-DOR regarding past due invoices for the proposed liquor licenses approvals. Clerk confirmed there are none.

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve the renewal licenses for Barnes VFW Post, Traut's Resort, The Windsor, Enchanted Inn, Cedar Lodge Steakhouse & Grille, Barnes Trading Post, P J's Cabin Store, R-C's Decoy Inn, Buck 'n' Bass Resort, Jim's Bait and Doorn's Inn. Roll call vote was

taken, with all voting yes with Supervisor Frint abstaining. The motion carried.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve the original license application for KTKG, LLC dba Robinson Lake Resort & Bar. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licenses

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to approve R-C's Decoy Inn, Buck 'n' Bass Resort, Doorn's Inn, Barnes Trading Post, Jim's Bait and P J's Cabin Store's cigarette and tobacco products licenses. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes with Supervisor Frint abstaining. The motion carried.

Operator's Licenses

Motion made (Desrosiers/Emerson) to approve the 1 year operator licenses for Brenda Bakke, Robert Brennan, Abigail Gorton and Brittany Love and 2 year operator licenses for Mary Bollman, Gregory Dalbec, Kimberly Dalbec, Patrick J. Foat, Jr, Michael Frelichowski, Thomas Leamy, Tracy Levy, Haley Rasmussen, Stacey Rasmussen, Donald Sheer, Jean Scheer, Josy Schmitz and Sondre Skweres and Seana Frint. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes with Supervisor Frint abstaining. The motion carried.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to deny the provisional operator's license application from Victoria Derfus. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

CD with BankMutual. Clerk Bourassa reported that we can move the CD in the amount of \$106,547.18 to Associated Bank at a rate of 1.75% for a term of 12 months.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to place the CD currently with BankMutual with Associated Bank at a rate of 1.75% for 12 months. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve May vouchers.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve May vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was displayed for public view.

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

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report

Storm/flood damage update-pictures are being taken to be submitted for possible reimbursement by county, state or federal governments. Pease, Denver, James and Kelly Lake Rd are closed. Pease Road will start repairs tomorrow-temporary. Chief Renz said we need more road closed signs. Discussion regarding purchasing radios- they would replace the radios we currently have which are non-compliant with WisCom-Chief Renz recommends buying portable Bluetooth ready headsets so we're able to maintain contact among and with the road crew. He suggested working with Motorola (out of Superior). Tom Emerson suggested talking with Jerry and Jim (of the road crew) and Chairperson Webb suggested we look into it.

Termination of roads and property foreman was effective June 11th. The board is overseeing the crew and will meet with the crew on a monthly basis. The RROW Committee would also like to meet with the board to discuss. The board is not expecting to replace the foreman in the near future.

Lake Road project update/status-the blacktopping is done, shouldering and signage will begin June 20th. Supervisor Desrosiers said the road held up very well in spite of the recent heavy rains. Emerson wanted the minutes to include the work to be done on Craig Willert's property which will negate the necessity of a guard rail. This will include the removal of some trees and stumps, creation of a 2nd driveway and the installation of a culvert.

Discussion of crack seal proposal from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers-James Rd was part of the proposal and was damaged so it needs to be removed from the proposal. The clerk will contact Fahrner for a revised proposal.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to approve the proposal from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, excluding James Rd. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Monthly BES report for the Fire & Ambulance Departments was given by Tom Renz

Review County-wide EMS Mutual Aid Agreement -Chief Renz requested that the board approve a coverage agreement with two neighboring ambulance service providers that each will cover the other's 911 area when the other knows in advance that it will be unable to do so and allow Tom Renz to sign it.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to approve the coverage agreement and allow Tom to sign on behalf of the Ambulance Service. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chief Renz asked about building a new fire hall, wanted to know where this stands. Morgan & Parmley are still working on the design. He stated the EMS Service Renewal has been completed, valid thru 6/30/2020.

Zach Desrosiers read the Constable's Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Cemetery Committee- Donna Porter

Amend cemetery rules to add #5 interments to state no more than 2 cremations to existing burials-

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to amend cemetery rules, 'Part III Interments' to state that no more than 2 cremations to existing burials (add #5). Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Update Sexton job description to add a backup-

Webb stated that the town crew would be available for opening and closing of graves in Dave's absence. Since he is salaried, he is responsible for making sure someone fills in when he is absent.

b) A.I.S. Committee – Lee Wiesner

BAISS boat has been in operation a couple of weeks on Tomahawk and they are seeing a reduction in the size of the affected area. Gus and Ingemar have recruited some volunteers to have 3 crewmen on board. The CBCW is struggling to get volunteers. Lee is resigning effective immediately from the committee as is Barb Romstad and Sue Jansen.

c) Roads & Right of Way Committee –

The RROW recommends removing the large white pine tree located in the clear zone at 2175 Island Lake Rd on Henry Aukee's property, who has approved the removal. A bid from Rick Mundle for \$1,100 has been received and he is bonded and insured.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the removal of the tree on Island Lake Rd and hire Rick Mundle at a cost of \$1,100. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

It was proposed to delay this project until the road repairs from the storm have been completed.

- d) Transfer Site – Zach Desrosiers
Joe Zuelke's termination of business-plans for scrap and recycling -Zach needs to get the keys back from Joe. Tim (not sure of last name) has taken a load out at no cost. Frint suggested contacting Bayfield County to see who they use for the annual drop off.
- e) Parks & Rec –
Tomahawk Lake park project update-Webb reported that there was significant washing out of the parking lot and building site. Our road crew will work on cleaning it up. It was suggested that we get pictures because it may be eligible for storm damage reimbursement. Webb said she's looking into adding sand on the beach area.
- f) Land Use Planning Commission- appointment of chairperson-Webb announced that she is appointing Loren Bohl.
- g) EMS Committee – Guy Johnston
Update regarding initial Committee meetings with Sawyer Co. Ambulance (Mitch Rice is no longer in that role, however) & Bayfield County supervisor, Jim Crandall. A lot of communities are using community paramedics. There would be a contract with Sawyer County to have a community paramedic who we could contract with on a short-term basis. Housing would have to be included. Jim Crandall stated that the County Supervisors have never looked into a county wide ambulance service. The committee would like the board to consider sending a letter (drafted by the committee) to the County Supervisors to request this. He encouraged board members to contact other town officials to also send a letter to the County. They will also be meeting with Brett Frierhood to get his input as he is on the EMS Council.

Chairperson Webb reviewed the action item list and the timeline.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.