

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

APPROVED

Chairperson Tom Renz called the Monthly Town Board Meeting in the Town Hall to order at 6:31PM. 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.

Chairman Renz asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 6/21/2022 Monthly Board Meeting and the minutes of the 6/9 and 6/21/2022 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Motion made (Scully/Neff) to approve the agenda and the minutes as listed. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Public Comment Session – there were no public comments

Clerk Correspondence – the clerk reported receiving an email from Carol LeBreck regarding the removal and chipping of tree remains; a letter and copy of an amended ordinance from Bayfield County affecting Section 13-1-29 that was adopted 6/28/22; water sample results for the Town Hall were received from the Bayfield Co. Health Dept. and was below the maximum contamination level; a letter was received from Rural Mutual Ins. Co. reporting of our insurance agent, Alan Schiefelbein's retirement and his replacement, Josh Huray. David Delforge, Vatten Paddlar coordinator, reported the largest participation to date with 108 participants and 81 boats. Donations received from clubs and businesses totaled \$3,625 and \$2,970 in registration fees was collected along with \$50 in t-shirt sales. Expenses totaled \$7,113.70; a letter was received from Tri-State Business Systems, our supplier of office supplies, advising they have merged with Coordinated Business Systems, Ltd.; timber cutting notices were received for land owner Camp Harmony Club for 4 parcels.

Review of the clerk/treasurer job description/duties and ad for publication. Discussion followed with requiring applications be due by August 15th so interviews can be conducted in August with a possible start date in September which will allow for approximately 6 months of job-shadowing with the current clerk/treasurer. The clerk was instructed to post the position and place an advertisement in local papers.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the current job description/duties and a application deadline of August 15th. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. Eric Neff reported that Lee Wiesner has agreed to serve on the committee (again), along with Greg Strasser, Brock Frierhood, Bill Stewart and Ted Urban. Chairman Renz will reach out to Diane Rupnow as well.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to appoint Lee Wiesner, Greg Strasser, Brock Frierhood, Bill Stewart and Ted Urban to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion of potential Short Term Rental Ordinance. Chairman Renz drafted an ordinance and the town attorney is currently reviewing it. This is not a Room Tax Ordinance, it defines short-term rentals and the licensing requirements the town is considering imposing.

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

The Fullingtons, owners of Deer Grove Resort, said they were very pleased that a room tax is not being proposed.

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

This agenda item was tabled until we hear back from the town attorney. Brock Frierhood asked if the short term rental are subject to fire inspections and Chairman Renz stated they are not but they are inspected by the Health Department.

Consider advertisement in the 2023 Hayward Lakes Vacation Guide, Supervisor Neff suggested increasing the ad size to a ¼ page and updating the ad. Chairman Renz suggested that Eric Neff and Seana Frint meet to come up with an ad and report back at the August meeting.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) that Seana and Eric meet to come up with a new ad and increase the size of the ad to ¼ page. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding allowing dogs in the Town Park. Supervisor Scully has researched the cost of a “doggie station” for about \$125. He reported that there were a lot of dogs at the Taste of Barnes and at the Parade and fireworks and he’d like to have them allowed if leashed. It was proposed that the board approve it and have the Parks & Rec Committee research the cost of doggie stations and purchasing signage requiring leashes and that owners clean up after their pets.

Motion made (Scully/Neff/) that we repeal not allowing dogs on the Town Park. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Consider Connie Richards 2 year operator license application

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the 2 year operator license of Connie Richards. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding a Town Appreciation Picnic for volunteers and employees. Chairman Renz proposes a picnic sometime this fall (before the “snowbirds” leave for the winter) with the Town Board grilling for the event. This would include any town volunteers, including boat landing volunteers, town employees and their families. The weekend of September 17th from 11am to 2pm was proposed.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to hold a picnic on Saturday, September 17th. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve June vouchers

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The ending balance in the General Checking is \$550,643.81. \$877,262.72 is the ending balance in the Money Market Account which includes the balance of ARPA funds received; \$4,179.10 is ending balance in the Vatten Paddlar Account. The Tax Collection Account has a balance of \$2,068.40, there are still two refund checks outstanding; the PayPal account has a balance \$7,117.41 (all deposits were Vatten Paddlar registration fees) for a total of all funds of \$1,441,271.44 with \$965.20 in interest earned so far this year.

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

Highway Dept. Report – Jeff Jordheim

Roads & Property Report June Road/Equipment Report

Mowing is ongoing within the town.

Mulligan Creek Culvert is complete.

Grading is ongoing with both graders.

Gravel placement from the forestry money will start next week.

Equipment

Truck 42/2013 Western star will be in need drive tires.

140H Motor Grader needs to shop for repair of rear axle seal. McCoy has the low quote.

John Deere 672GP has been having some warranty work done

1. Discussion regarding Foreman's comp time. Chairman Renz said the foreman's comp time hours need to be approved by his supervisor, Supervisor Jim Frint. Supervisor Seana Frint said we need to look at the hours for the Foreman's position at budget time because it's more than 40 hours weekly.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve payment of 178.825 hours of comp time to Jeff Jordheim (to reduce the hours remaining to 40 hours). Voice vote taken, motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action on salt shed. Chairman Renz has had some discussion with Douglas County and the state regarding replacement of our salt shed. The State would build a salt shed (approximately 80'x60') to state specifications and the town would agree to allow it to be on town property for 30 years. Sawyer and Douglas Counties would use it as well. Talks are on-going and the chairman will keep the board informed.
3. Review quotes for wheel loader (for use salt/sand loading) – this would be needed to load salt from the State-paid salt shed. We could use our loader but potential conflict with the highway department needing to use it for snow plowing. This was tabled at this time.
4. Review quote from Flyin Goose Surveying for Moen Rd/Birch Lk Rd Right Of Way at a cost of \$1,000. The right of way near the south intersection of Moen Rd and Birch Lake Rd needs to be determined. Foreman Jordheim recommends hiring Flyin Goose to survey.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to hire Flyin Goose at a cost of \$1,000. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

5. Review Delmore Consulting proposal for culvert service at a cost of \$13,900. Supervisor Neff asked if we could get a discount since we hired them for other work. No action taken, this will be considered at budget time.
6. Review quote for repairs to Cat 140H grader-it's leaking oil and the cost to repair was quoted as \$4,834.19 by McCoy. The foreman stated immediate action isn't needed, just wanted to inform the board.

Monthly report Fire

No agenda items.

1 call for EMS assist

Report:

4th of July fundraiser and raffle went off without any hiccups. We have done some LZ training with the ambulance and Life Link III.

I have submitted the WI DNR FFP grant. Always looking at grants trying to see what we can apply for.

Working on getting a quote for new SCBA units so all the units will be the same. That way everyone is on the same page and there is no recalling how to use each unit. Will be scheduling an appointment to have the pumps on the trucks tested.

Monthly report Ambulance

7 calls since last meeting with 3 hospital transports. (Brett updated this to 9 calls with 5 transports).

Both full-time EMTs are currently out with illness related to contact with a COVID-19 positive patient. Rebecca has verbally submitted her resignation as she has moved out of the State. I will forward once received in writing.

An upgrade to the Zoll monitor to add carbon monoxide monitoring was applied for under the EMS Flex grant. It appears FAP funding deposits have been made, currently waiting to receive the award letter to properly allocate for accounting purposes.

The 4th of July fundraiser was successful. Request a different method for traffic control at the parade start as there was a near miss with ambulance personnel and a disgruntled motorist.

An interview was conducted for the 3rd full-time EMT position. I've been informed of potential applications being submitted from students who recently completed the EMT class through Northwood Tech but have not received any to date. How long should we wait before making an offer?

Discussion on filling 3rd full time EMT position. A candidate was interviewed and the Ambulance Director and Supervisor Scully recommend hiring her. She would work four 10 hours shifts, beginning Sunday (10pm to Monday 8am), then Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday overnight shifts.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to authorize the clerk to extend an offer to Bobbi Van De Voort at a rate of \$20/hr. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion on insurance related to emergency response with personal vehicles. The Town requires that town volunteer firefighter and emergency services personnel have vehicle insurance coverage. The town would like a policy to be drafted if the ambulance director wants to allow the use of light and sirens in personal vehicles.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

Land Use Planning Commission: Seana Frint

1. Jesse Miller of 48665 Stone Rd-Class A Special Use application for a short term rental

Motion made (S.Frint/Renz) to approve the Short Term Rental application of Jesse Miller. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

2. Dorothee Strobel et al of 5400 Eightmile Lake Rd-Class A Special Use application to construct a residence in a F-1 zoning district

Motion made (S.Frint/Scully) to approve the Class A Special Use application for Dorothee Strobel et al. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A.I.S. Committee –

Consider recommendation to add Mavis Gagne to the committee

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the addition of Mavis Gagne to the AIS Committee. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Barb Clements, AIS Coordinator reported to the board in Chris Webb's absence

[AIS committee update](#)

- Appoint Mavis Gagne to committee
- Curly leaf pondweed discovered on lower Eau Claire Lake the beginning of July by Matt Berg. The BAISS boat was moved there on July 14.
- The divers went out and discovered that the CLP is deteriorating fast and that there is much more than originally thought. The divers feared they were doing more harm by pulling and spreading the turions. They pulled the pontoon Monday afternoon and have moved to sandbar now. The permit had still not arrived as of this morning.
- Virtual meeting with several people from Douglas and Bayfield counties on Wednesday, July 27th, 1:00 PM. Alex Selle is the Northwestern Wisconsin AIS Coordinator based out of Ashland, and is taking the lead on the CLP and the Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDDR) Project/Grant.
- Made a good dent in the CLP on upper. Middle was in good shape from the pulling they did last year and they were able to leave 5 days early.
- Tomahawk Sandbar APM. Public review period has ended and APM is being finalized for submission to DNR.
- Tomahawk Lake: A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the curtain installation, moving and removal. The Conservation Club, Julia Lyons and Dave Bloomer all contributed many hours to this project. Dave Blumer and a couple volunteers are monitoring the areas that were treated and are documenting the plant deterioration. Looking at a couple of options for next year for the lower bay and the EWM that was missed as the plants had expanded beyond the treated areas.
- BAISS boat was moved to Sandbar Lake today. A change in the leaps agreement scope to included assisting with manual removal of plants inside tree line at \$25/hr plus mileage.

JUNE 2022 CBCW LANDING TOTALS

	UPPER	MIDDLE	LOWER	TOMAHAWK	ROBINSON	JUNE TOTALS	MAY TOTALS	YTD TOTALS
Boat was entering landing	123	152	73	33	38	419	524	943
Boat was leaving landing	78	63	54	37	21	253	230	483
BOAT TOTALS	201	215	127	70	59	672	754	1426
Are you willing to answer a few questions? - Yes	201	215	127	70	59	672	754	1426
Are you willing to answer a few questions? - No	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	201	215	127	70	59	672	754	1426
Have you been contacted by a watercraft inspector this season? - Yes	166	181	75	45	37	504	390	894
Have you been contacted by a watercraft inspector this season? - No	35	34	52	25	22	168	364	532
CONTACTED?	201	215	127	70	59	672	754	1426
Was boat used during past 5 days on diff wbody? - Yes	16	26	28	14	13	97	58	155
Was boat used during past 5 days on diff wbody? - No	185	189	99	56	45	574	696	1270
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
OTHER LAKES	201	215	127	70	59	672	754	1426
NUMBER OF PEOPLE CONTACTED	445	581	189	133	147	1495	1656	3151
PAID MONITOR HOURS	79.84	60	63.84	80	76	359.68	429.56	789.24
VOLUNTEER MONITOR HOURS	16.15	20.87	0.13	0	3	40.15	39.03	79.18

- CBCW numbers for the summer to date

EVENTS

June 17 — Northwest Lakes conference

Several modules, Spider lake is entirely self-supported.

My take-away is private funding and display supporter signs are the way to go. People would rather donate money and pay to have it taken care of, than to actually put in the time themselves.

- June 18 - Taste of Barnes

Great turn out, spoke to several people that day, but none wanted to sign up for anything. Several grateful acknowledgements.

June 25 - FOECLA Boating safety

Low turn out

- July 1 - landing blitz

Distributed towels

BAISS boat - updated the unit and have been keeping the GPS loaded with the needful maps. Have done a shift per week, minus one and will continue to do so.

Sent out a plea for volunteers. Posted at Jim's bait and cabin store as well. Had a couple responses, new volunteer for the BAISS boat.

- July 16 - FOECLA Annual Meeting

Spoke to a number of people there.

2 people expressed interest in helping with the BAISS boat, Julia Lyons took their contact information. 1 person wanted to be added to the general contact list.

Supervisor Scully complimented Barb Clements on the spreadsheet she provided the board.

Parks & Rec Committee – The Tennis/Pickleball Courts are ready for use!

Consider application of Dawn Piburn to the committee.

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the addition of Dawn Piburn to the Parks & Rec Committee.

Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairman Renz reviewed the Timeline-the salt shed will be added and Jeff Johnson's commission appointment expires 8/21/22.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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