

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – September 19, 2017
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. 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 (Frint/Porter) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 08/15/2017 Monthly Board Meeting and the 08/16/2017 and 09/07/2017 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session – there were no public comments

Discussion of Ordinances- The board will be reviewing all ordinances since it has been 13 years since the ordinances were codified. A public hearing would be held to consider any changes. Bayfield County Sheriff Paul Susienka and Corporal Jeff Kistner, Recreation Officer, were present and Corp. Kistner said he cannot enforce the town's Boating & Water Safety Ordinance, he can only enforce state laws. The ATV ordinance is enforceable, along with the snowmobile ordinance. Sheriff Susienka spoke saying that they are there to help us, resolve local issues and enforce the laws. He encouraged residents to report violations to state statutes to the Sheriff's Department. He said there is an Off-Highway Motorcycle law that was recently put into effect that the town presently does not allow (they are allowed in the forest on designated trails, however). Tom Emerson suggested that we review our ordinances and compare them with the county ordinances. Chairperson Webb asked the board to research four ordinances for the next board meeting. They are Chapter 2-9, Alternate Board of Review members (currently we have one, the ordinance requires 3), Chapter 7 (unauthorized activities on Dams, Locks and Town of Barnes property), Chapter 8 (Boating and Water Safety) and Chapter 21 (Protective Covenants of the Barnes Industrial Park) due to the proposed dissolution of the BADC. A public hearing would be held after that date.

Land Sale Update-proceeds from the 4 parcels recently sold have been received and deposited in the Land Acquisition Sinking Fund in the Money Market account

Clerk Correspondence-

Sand Creek EAP program enrollment-Tom suggested that we hold a meeting to present the program to the volunteers and employees eligible.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) that we enroll our EMS volunteers and municipal employees in the Sand Creek EAP program. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

CD's maturing-Two CD's with Johnson Bank have been combined and deposited with BankMutual for 12 months at a rate of 1.37%

Vouchers approval – August vouchers

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The August Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was reviewed. It wasn't able to be displayed due to technical difficulties.

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the August Treasurer's report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report was given by Eric Altman.

Fire & Ambulance Departments -Monthly BES report was given by Tom Renz. Tom Renz announced Donna Porter's retirement from the Barnes Emergency Services. Chairperson Webb thanked Donna Porter for her years of service as an EMT and she was given a standing ovation by all in attendance.

Constable Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe –read by Chairperson Webb

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) AIS Committee – Lee Wiesner

1. Invader Crusader Award Presentation – Andy Teal-

The AIS Committee and the Friends of Eau Claire Lakes jointly were nominated to receive the award in recognition of their development of the BAISS boat and LEEP (Lake Ecology Education Program), educating Drummond Area Schools 7th graders. Representatives of the two groups posed for a group photo that will be submitted to the BottomLine News.

2. Survey results for George, Sand Bar and Tomahawk Lakes

Nothing was detected in George Lake. Sand Bar Lake was treated this summer and the bed had shrunk significantly and will be able to be addressed by the BAISS boat. The news on Tomahawk was good as well, the bed went from 8 acres to .4 acres.

3. Clean Boats, Clean Waters employees for next year

Looking for monitors on Upper, Middle and Lower for next year. They really need volunteers at Robinson Lake yet this year.

4. BAISS Boat plans for next year

They will concentrate on one lake initially. Lee thanked BAHA for allowing them to store it there after it is winterized.

b) Parks & Rec Committee – Donna Porter

1. Event sign application and use policy-this will be addressed at a future meeting

2. Exercise class dates-Aging Gracefully will be held at Barnes Community Church Nov 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th and Dec 7th, 14th and 21st at 10am. Dance classes will be Nov 7th, 14th and 28th and Dec 5th, 12th and 19th at the Barnes Community Church from 3-5pm.

3. Classes at Town Hall- this did not need to be addressed

4. Town Hall Use Agreement policy-this did not need to be addressed

5. Tomahawk Lake Park Grant update-

Working on the ski trail this week with inmates and volunteers. No bids were received for the municipal building so the board discussed whether or not to advertise again. Clerk Bourassa was instructed to place an ad in the Superior paper for spring construction and to send letters to local contractors asking them to bid. Eric said there may be a grant available for park design.

Vanguard account-this will be addressed at a future meeting as Mr. Lybeck wasn't able to attend.

c) Tourism Committee – Seana Frint

1. Cable Area C of C membership-Chris will check into to see if it's worthwhile

The Wisconsin Indianhead Country Vacation Guide publication is up for renewal at a cost of \$120 for a \$500 ad and Seana recommended the board renew.

Motion made (Frint/Desrosiers) to authorize the expenditure for the Indianhead magazine ad at a cost of \$120. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

d) Transfer Site Committee – Tom Emerson

1. Discussion on recycling-The board asked Tom to check with other facilities to see how they handle their recycling. Tom talked to Solon Springs and they issue a user permit to their property owners for garbage disposal (no distinction for full or part time residency) at a cost of \$130/yr for those over 55 and \$160/yr for those under 55 and it's added to their tax bill. They contract with a recycler for metal only pickup and he reimburses the town 25% of what he gets. They don't accept electronics (TVs, laptops...) and they charge \$30 for mattresses (any size), whereas we charge \$5 or \$10 depending on size. We also pay a fee of \$150 for pickup which they do not. Tom will continue to research and will check with other municipalities to see what they do and report back to the board.

Action Items and Timeline- they were reviewed and updated

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in the meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversation that took place.