

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024  
6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Office

**UNAPPROVED**

The **Special Town Board Meeting** in the Town Office was called to Order by Chairman Renz at 6:35pm and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Dave Scully, Eric Neff, Seana Frint and Jim Frint in attendance. Clerk Meyer verified notice.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

Public Comment Session

- Jeff Hong brought to the board's attention that the transfer site will be constructing a small shed using funds from 57431(sanitation capitol outlay) and that he was concerned regarding account 53790(compactor charges) as the budget amount is set at \$25,000 and last year it was set at \$35,000. We were over budget by \$7,741.34 and prices only went up for 2024.
- Greg Strasser brought to the board's attention that Ordinance 3 on the website was not being followed. Chairman Renz explained that we use LOSA for this purpose and that Ordinance 3 should be removed from the website as it is not a current process.

*A motion was made (Seana/Tom) to approve the Agenda. Voice vote taken, 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/employee issues

- 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."
- b) Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) authorizes a closed session for: Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

*A motion to go into closed session was made by (Eric/Jim). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Jim/Seana) to return to open session at 8:13pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Tom/Dave) to increase Sarah Julef's hourly rate from \$22.77/hr to \$25/hr. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Tom/Eric) to increase Courtney Mashlan's hourly "on-a-run" rate from \$25/hr to \$27/hr. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Tom/Dave) to have Lisa Meyer draft a letter to Judy Bourassa regarding retirement and working for AIS as a volunteer. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Dave/Eric) with regard to hiring of an Asst. Ambulance Director that formal interviews take place including at least two member of the board and the Ambulance Director. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

- 6) The Highway Dept. will be taking over the maintenance responsibility for BES vehicles as well as the water problems at the BES building. Jeff will discuss with Brett outside of the meeting. The Highway Dept. will be responsible for billing the BES for vehicle maintenance as well as dealing with any building issues.
- 7) Further discussion on Highway Dept.'s involvement in emergency calls. Jeff Jordheim also brought to the board's attention that his outlay accounts from 2023 to 2024 does not match up and a large overage in the Roadwork Outlay account 57331-A was decreased before the end of the year. This will be addressed by the clerk and corrected with the assistance of the Town's auditors.

Chairman Renz asked that the timeline be updated to add a 6 month review for Lisa Meyer prior to the March Monthly Town Board Meeting.

*A motion was made (Eric/Dave) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm

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