

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday –October 15, 2019
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 Susan Jansen in attendance. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

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

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 9/17/2019 Monthly Board Meeting and the 9/17, 9/24 and 9/26/2019 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/Jansen) to open the floor for a public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Pamela Behnke and Kayli Pesch spoke on behalf of The Kelly Lake Property Owners Association. They presented two proposed ordinances they would like the board to adopt that would prohibit the use of motorboats and designate the lake as a “slow, no wake” lake.

Grady Radabaugh, a newer property owner and full time resident, stated he uses 3 hp motor on the lake, and said he was told that motor boats are allowed. He spoke against the adoption of the ordinances.

Jeff Deitrich stated that the lake gets very wavy and is causing erosion.

Summer Pearson also spoke against the adoption of the ordinances.

Anne Gilligan stated we need to take care of the lake.

Tom Mackovich told of a girl that was knocked off a dock and he is in favor of the ordinances.

Paul Pearson stated he wasn't aware of the lake association and that's the reason they left where they were before. He is against the ordinances proposed.

Amy Brengman stated that the ad for the property recently sold stated it was a “no wake” lake.

Pamela Behnke spoke in favor of the Lake Association's efforts to adopt these ordinances.

Chairperson Webb stated the board will review the documents and it will be addressed at a future meeting.

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

Clerk Correspondence- A timber cut notice for Bradley & Kristin Burling was received, copies were on the back table. A letter from Sen. Bewley in response to the EMS letters that the Town of Barnes sent regarding Emergency Medical Services was received. She agreed there is a critical need for more volunteers and said she is co-sponsoring legislation that would create 3 refundable tax credits for volunteer firefighters and EMS providers. She offered to meet with town representatives.

Discussion regarding organizations' use of our Town Website. A request was received from Jack Link's Aquatic & Activity Center. The form is on our website but was designed to be used for local organizations only.

A motion was made (Jansen/Emerson) to reject the request since it is outside of our area and that the form be removed from the website. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Consider renewal of Cable Chamber of Commerce membership-this was tabled.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve September vouchers.

A motion was made (Frint/Emerson) to approve September vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

Treasurer's Report prepared by Clerk Bourassa was displayed for public view. The ending balance in General Checking is \$83,467.65, \$949,401.83 is the ending balance in the Money Market Account, \$1,931.09 ending balance in the Vatten Paddlar Account, \$515.11 (no change) in the Tax Collection Account and a 6 month CD at Associated Bank with a value of \$100,000.00 for a total of \$1,135,315.68 with \$8,648.46 in interest earned year-to-date.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Voice taken, motion carried.

Water Patrol Reports for 2019 were received from the DNR and Bayfield County Sheriff's office.

Water Patrol Report for 2019					
Wisconsin DNR Water Patrol					
Lakes:	Upper Eau Claire, Middle Eau Claire, Lower Eau Claire				
	Bony Lake, Kelly Lake, Pickerel Lake				
Patrol Hours:	40				
Contacts:	79				
Warnings:	13				
Citations Issued:	1				
Hotline Reports:	9				
	3 to 4 being Loons chased by boats				
Bayfield County Water Patrol					
Lakes:	Upper Eau Claire, Middle Eau Claire				
Patrol Hours:	30				
Contacts:	43	boat safety inspections			
Warnings:	1	written			
Citations Issued:	2				
Sheriff's Office	1	Kelly Lake			
Direct to Deputy	2				
2019 conditions impacting water patrol:					
	Lack of activity on lakes				
	Closure of County Hwy N				
Operation Dry Water					
website:	www.operationdrywater.org				
Participating Agencies:	Bayfield County Sheriff's Department				
	Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources				
Participating Partners:	Town of Barnes				

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report presented by Eric Polkoski

Completion of projects for month of September/October

- Put up interpretive signs on the ski trail.
- Installed ADA gravel path to restroom at Tomahawk Park.
- We have been continuing mowing and brushing the right of way.
- Grading of our roads, added gravel to 43 Rd.
- Finished reconstruction Webster Rd.
- Added culvert on Timberwolf Trl.
- Patching of holes and shoulders done in necessary areas.
- Adding sand around the new Emergency building to bring up to grade. We will be hauling gravel for parking lot next.
- Cleared the right of way on Witch's Bay.
- Cleared right of way on Ellison Lake Rd.
- Reconstructing of the ditches on South Shore Rd and George Lake Rd.
- Pulled docks out at Tomahawk Lake Park, new fishing pier has been delivered.
- Started to switch equipment over for winter.

Jim Frint's resignation was received on October 6th, effective 10/18/19. The board did an exit interview with Jim prior to the monthly board meeting.

A motion was made (Porter/Jansen) to reluctantly accept the resignation of Jim Frint. Voice vote taken, motion carried. Seana Frint abstained.

A new highway crewmember has been hired and will start November 4th.

A posting for another highway crewmember will be advertised in an Eau Claire paper and online

Consider an offer for the purchase of the 2005 International Tandem dump truck

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to accept the offer of \$40,000 for the 2005 International dump truck by the Town of Berlin. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Fire & Ambulance Departments-Monthly BES Reports presented by Tom Renz

Monthly report

There have been 17 ambulance calls since the last meeting

1 - to Hayward

1 - no transport lift assist Town of Highland

1 - unable to staff Gordon contacted

Dave Renz Jr was approved as member to the Ambulance and is already a licensed EMT.

I did make contact with Nate from Sawyer County. Nate indicated that the \$20,000.00 figure was not actual and was just thrown around as a talking point or idea. The idea that a paramedic responding to Barnes has not been approved by their committee and has not been approved by the County Board yet. Since the EMS committee met with their committee and the newspaper reported the news in the paper it caused some issues with the southern townships they cover so he has had to take care of some issues there. Nate and I did schedule an appointment to meet Wed. at 9:00 am to start the process. I will keep the Town Board informed.

I also attended a meeting with the Town of Highland Board. I answered their questions informed them of the Lexipol program. I also informed them their cost will go up \$2,000.00 (to \$6,000 annually) and I am waiting to hear back from them or their Chief to discuss further.

Fire

No fire calls.

Emergency apparatus repair was here on Monday the 14th to conduct the annual pump testing.

New Emergency services building is moving along the doors are getting put on this week. The inside tin is on walls and ceiling is completed. They will be finishing up the insulation this week also. The electric hose reels are here.

Review Dave Cecil Builders Pay Application #3 for Emergency Services Building in the amount of \$102,760.20.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to authorize payment of Pay Application #3. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

An invoice from Butterfield for the well at the new Emergency Services Building in the amount of \$21,519.00 was reviewed.

A motion was made (Porter/Jansen) to authorize payment of \$21,519.00 to Butterfield for the well. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

An invoice from Nor Pines Plumbing for the new Emergency Services Building in the amount of \$4,500.00 was reviewed.

A motion was made (Emerson/Jansen) to authorize payment of \$4,500 to Nor Pines Plumbing. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Barnes Fire Department Fundraiser update- \$53,198.77 has been donated so far (this is gross, expenses not deducted). Photos of the progress can be found on the town website.

The clerk will transfer \$212,000 from the Emergency Services Sinking Fund to the General Checking account to cover the payments made to Dave Cecil Builders.

Update on the new Emergency Services Building - the aprons were poured yesterday, doors to be installed later this week.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Parks & Rec Committee-

Tomahawk Lake Park project update-Pat Johnston reported that the rain gardens have been planted on the lakeside of the warming hut but the town crew is needed to complete the remainder of the gardens. Eric will coordinate with Pat. The Town Chair thanked Pat for all the volunteer time she has spent working at Tomahawk.

b) Transfer Site Committee – Sue Jansen

Update regarding Tire Agreement with Liberty Tire Recycling.

A motion was made (Jansen/Porter) to sign a contract with Liberty Tire for 36 months. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion regarding the installation of insulation in the office at the Transfer Site. The proposal received for \$1,420 was rejected. Eric, Tom Emerson and town employees will do the installation.

c) EMS Committee –Update on hiring of an EMT-the candidate has accepted the position. He will be moving to the area so the start date will probably be in November.

d) A.I.S. Committee –Authorize Town Chair to apply for Clean Boats Clean Water grant

A motion was made (Porter/Jansen) to authorize the Town Chair to apply for Clean Boats Clean Water grant for Lower, Middle, Upper Eau Claire Lakes and Tomahawk/Robinson Lakes (shared) for \$16,000.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairperson Webb reviewed the Action Item List and the Timeline.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

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