

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – October 17, 2017
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:35 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 (Porter/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 09/19/2017 Monthly Board Meeting and the 09/21/2017 and 10/03/2017 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Carol LeBreck spoke in regard to the review of ordinances

Wade Fremling of BG Automotive spoke regarding a sample of the diesel fuel taken from the town's tank that contained water

Denny Scharlemann stated that FOECLA's (Friends of Eau Claire Lakes Association) willingness and commitment to provide financial support for activities and functions directed towards water safety on our lakes including an ad hoc water safety committee to be developed by the Town of Barnes board

Fred Barnes spoke regarding the removal of trees along Lake Road and requested that the board follow up with 4 property owners

Lee Wiesner spoke regarding the open brush pit

Greg Martin spoke regarding the planting of clover on the Tomahawk Lake Trail and the condition of the windsock at the heliport

Jon Harkness complimented the Highway Dept. on the repair of Denver Road

Ordinance Discussion –

Tom Emerson suggested setting up meetings to review the ordinances

Motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to table the discussion of the ordinances and set up meetings to review the ordinances chapter by chapter, comparing them to county ordinances. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Zach Desrosiers suggested creating a Water Safety Committee to gather information. It was decided that the board would continue to explore the issue at open meetings.

Clerk Correspondence- Tax bill inserts discussion

Update on Employee Benefits – The Board has added short term disability as a paid benefit, coverage will be effective November 1, 2017. The Board has renewed our coverage with Medica,

however they elected to change to an embedded plan with a higher deductible as a cost saving measure. The renewal of our current plan was a 9% increase over last year.

Vouchers approval – September vouchers

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The September Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was reviewed.

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

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report was given by Eric Altman. He reported that River Road will be closed from 7:30am to 3pm Wed. October 18th and Thurs. October 19th to stabilize the shoulders at the bridge. He pulled the swimming and boat launch dock from Tomahawk Lake but the docks in the other lakes will be left in until early November. He reported on the Roads & Right of Ways Committee's recommendations for 2018 Highway Projects.

Fire & Ambulance Departments -Monthly BES report was given by Tom Renz. He encouraged the board to go see the new Drummond Fire Hall and asked that the board consider the needs of the Barnes Emergency Services when budget planning. It was announced that there will be a presentation by Sand Creek of the Employee Assistance Program that is available to all volunteer and part-time employees at no cost. It will be held on November 15th at 7pm in Town Hall.

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

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) AIS Committee – Lee Wiesner

1. Clean Boats Clean Waters Monitors for 2018-John Loughren is the only returning monitor so they will be advertising for monitors. They won't be staffing Island Lake next year. They are still looking for volunteers to monitor the Robinson Lake landing yet this fall.
2. BAISS Boat plans for 2018-priority lakes are Tomahawk and Sand Bar and the Eurasian Milfoil beds
3. Update on Tomahawk and Sand Bar Lakes-looking for volunteers to man the BAISS Boat

b) Parks & Rec Committee – Donna Porter

1. Town Event Sign policy

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve the Town Event Sign Policy with the changes discussed. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

2. "Welcome to Barnes" signs maintenance- Chairperson Webb requested that pictures be taken and it will be discussed during budget meetings.
3. Tomahawk Lake Park Grant update-Tami Hoff, deputy clerk, will work with Barb Romstad to learn how to track expenses for the grant.
4. Update on Vanguard account-the application has been submitted, awaiting approval

c) Planning Commission – Tom Emerson

1. Anthony & Bridgett Feuerhelm of Rabbit Hutch Rd-request for Class A application to built Cabin on property zoned F-1 Forestry

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to approve the request for Class A application for the Feuerhelms to build a hunting cabin. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

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 8:30PM.

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.

Submitted by: Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer
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