

# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

## **UNAPPROVED**

The Special Town Board Meeting in the Town Office was called to Order by Chairman Renz at 5:25pm and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Jim Frint, Eric Neff, Seana Frint and Dave Scully in attendance. Highway Foreman Jeff Jordheim was also in attendance. Clerk Bourassa verified notice.

*A motion was made (S. Frint/Scully) to approve the Agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

A proposal for a Versa-Tube carport was presented by Supervisor Scully. This would be used to cover the open top container to prevent rain/snow from getting in which adds weight and increases the cost to remove. Its 10' x 12' and 29' long and would be on wheels at a cost of \$2,600. Discussion followed as to where the funds could come from. We had budgeted for a 3<sup>rd</sup> full time EMT but have not filled the position this year. It was suggested that some of those funds could be used to cover the cost of the carport.

*A motion was made (Renz/Scully) that funds from the EMT wages account be used to cover the cost of the carport. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

The clerk presented a proposal from Norvado to provide IT support services to the Town with a one-time charge of \$8.00 and a monthly recurring charge of \$24.00. This would replace the SecureIT we currently have and would result in an increase of approximately \$6.00 per month. Chairman Renz asked about covering the board members laptops as well, the clerk will check with Norvado on that cost.

*A motion was made (Renz/Neff) to accept the proposal from Norvado for IT services. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

The clerk asked the board if they want to pay for a title search of parcel #2589 (20 acres of this parcel was sold earlier this year) as suggested by the Town Attorney. Otherwise someone will need to go to the Register of Deeds office to search for the deed.

*A motion was made (Renz/Neff) to hire a title company for a title search. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

The motion made at the 5/17/22 board meeting regarding the purchase of a used grader needs to be revised so the original motion needs to be rescinded and a new motion made. Additional items were added (tires, packer mount and lift group) that weren't included at the time of the original motion which resulted in a higher purchase price.

*A motion was made (Renz/Neff) to **rescind** the motion of 5/17/22 to purchase a used John Deere grader at a cost of \$177,000 (with trade in of 1980 grader) with a payment due of \$30,717.91 in May of 2023. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Renz/Neff) to purchase a used John Deere grader at a cost of \$192,150.00 to purchase John Deere grader (with trade in of 1980 grader) with the first payment due June of 2023. 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: wages

- 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.”

*A motion was made (S. Frint/Scully) to go into closed session at 5:51pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (J. Frint/Scully) to return to open session at 6:35pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Renz/J. Frint) to increase Jeff Stumpf’s wage to \$21/hr as of 10/17/22. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Renz/S. Frint) to increase the wage paid to the boat landing monitors to \$15/hr for the 2023 season. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

A budget work session was held. Supervisor Jim Frint left the meeting at 6:50pm and returned at 7:25pm.

As requested, the clerk presented additional health insurance quotes from other carriers.

*A motion was made (Neff/Scully) to renew the Health Partners health insurance coverage eff. 1/1/23.*

*A motion was made (Scully/S. Frint) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

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