

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
Special Town Board Meeting
Friday, Dec. 29, 2023
9:00 AM in the Barnes Town Hall

APPROVED

The **Special Town Board Meeting** in the Town Office was called to Order by Chairman Renz at 9:04am and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Eric Neff, Seana Frint and Jim Frint and Dave Scully in attendance. Clerk Meyer verified notice.

A motion was made (Eric/Jim) to approve the Agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

- 1). Discussion or action to approve moving funds from the general account back to the Highway Outlay account 57331-A in the amount of \$136,500.00 and account 57331 in the amount of \$75,500.00 to cover the salt/sand expense taken from the Highway Outlay or get a loan in the amount of \$212,000.00 to cover that expense.

A motion was made by (Eric/Seana) to open the floor. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A discussion regarding agenda items 1, 2 and 3 began with the mention of returning the funds paid out of the Highway Outlay account for the salt/sand shed. Further discussion on the funds that are currently available for the fire truck and the current balance due on the truck. Chairman Renz stated that we have \$200,000 budgeted for 2023 in the Fire Truck Outlay account 57220-A and \$109,009.95 that we transferred to 101-C from the land acquisition fund to cover the fire truck cost. The total due on the truck as of 12/28/23 is \$278,359.00. Also mentioned was the \$51,920.35 ARPA dollars that were used to help pay for a portion of the salt/sand shed. Most members agreed that it would be ideal to pay for the remaining portion of the fire truck using the funds set aside as opposed to getting a loan. Members also agreed that it would be best to move the funds from the money market account to the highway outlay account to cover the cost for the salt/sand shed as opposed to getting a loan based on the balance in the money market account. All agreed to go ahead with R23-06 as motioned in the 12/19/23 monthly board meeting.

- 2). Discussion or action transfer funds from the Money Market Savings to the General Account to pay for the remaining cost of the fire truck or secure a loan.
Balance due on the truck: \$278,359.00

- 3). Discuss Resolution R23-06 Amend the 2023 Budget

A motion to pay for the remaining portion of \$278,359.00 for the fire truck using the \$200,000 in the fire truck outlay account #57220-A and the balance of \$78,359.00 from the Emergency Service Sinking funds account #101-C funds as opposed to getting a loan. In addition, transfer \$136,500 from the money market account #101 to the General account and increase the #57331 budget \$136,500 to reimburse that account to cover the cost for the salt/sand shed that was paid for with funds from account #57331 as opposed to getting a loan was made by (Eric/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion to close the floor was made by (Tom/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried

4). Discuss Highway Dept. concerns, Lake Road, 2024 budget. Jeff J. wanted a better explanation of where some road funds that are reimbursed are going and stated that they need to be credited to the account they were paid out of so as not to affect his budget.

Motion to adjourn monthly board meeting was made by (Jim/Tom). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

**Submitted by: Lisa Meyer, Clerk-Treasurer
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