

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 17th, 2018
7:00pm at Barnes Town Hall

(UNAPPROVED)

The Annual Meeting of the Qualified Electors of the Town of Barnes was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Christine Webb. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Judy Bourassa, Town Attorney John Carlson, Fire Chief and Ambulance Director Tom Renz and Roads & Property Foreman Eric Altman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Chairperson Webb stated the purpose of the Annual Meeting is to provide a statement of financial condition of the Town of Barnes pursuant to Wi. Stat. 60.41. Copies of revenues and expenses for 2017 were available upon entry to this meeting. A full copy of the audit is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Approval of 2017 Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting – Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were distributed upon entry. Chairperson Webb asked if there were any corrections to the minutes-there were none.

7:02pm Motion made (Tom Renz, seconded by Linda Frank) to approve the 2017 minutes and dispense with reading of the minutes. Voice vote was taken with 0 opposed. Motion carried.

AGENDA

1) STATE OF THE TOWN REPORTS

- **Spring Election Results**
- **Discussion of Audit & Treasurer's Report**
- **Annual Report from the Chair**
- **Annual Highway Department Report**
- **Annual Ambulance and Fire Departments Report**
- **Annual Constable Report**

2) Any other issues authorized by Wi. Statutes 60.10

ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the Spring Election for Town Board Supervisors were 177 votes for Tom Emerson and 162 votes for Seana Frint so they were both re-elected. There were 9 write in votes and 114 under votes.

The Audit Report and Treasurer's Report were presented by Clerk Judy Bourassa-

AUDIT REPORT

The CPA firm completed the audit of our books on April 9th-there are copies at the back table for your review. The auditor found that the financial statements present fairly the respective cash basis financial position of the Town as of 12/31/17. On page 4, the receipts in 2017 total \$1,432,897 and the disbursements total \$1,693,549. Our disbursements were more than our receipts and that was due to transferring funds from the Money Market account Highway Sinking Fund into the General Checking account to pay for the Progress Billing on the Lake Road Project. On page 6 of the audit you'll see that our receipts were lower than budgeted, this was due to the grant for the Lake Road Project that we anticipated receiving in 2017, it won't be received until 2018. We also did not receive in 2017 the AISC Grants we had budgeted for, they will also be received in 2018. However, we received \$191,525 due to the sale of town-owned land. Conversely, our disbursements were less than budgeted. Again, a large part of this was due to the Lake Road Project not being finished in 2017 so our payout was less than budgeted. We also didn't spend all the budgeted funds at Tomahawk Lake Park but it will be spent in 2018. We did not spend any funds on Bridge or Dam Repairs and Conservation and Development was also under budget.

TOWN OF BARNES
TREASURER'S REPORT
Annual Meeting April 17, 2018

General Fund Checking balance January 1, 2017			\$76,579.75
Deposits and Credits			\$1,060,540.58
Checks and Payments			(\$3,618,352.25)
Transfers from Money Market & Tax Collection Accounts			\$2,575,802.22
Interest Earned			\$250.01
GENERAL FUND CHECKING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$94,820.31
Money Market Checking balance January 1, 2017			\$702,140.29
Checks and Payments			(\$83,374.49)
Transfers to General Fund Checking			(\$640,882.70)
Deposits and Credits			\$201,197.81
Transfers from other accts			\$244,001.80
Interest Earned			\$1,967.62
MONEY MARKET FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$425,050.33
F U N D B R E K D O W N S	Money Market General Savings	\$83,310.06	
	Highway Dept. Sinking Fund	\$34,948.85	
	Ambulance Service Sinking Fund	\$0.00	
	Emergency Services Sinking Fund	\$40,049.75	
	Parks & Rec. Sinking Fund	\$20,791.66	
	Tomahawk Lake Park Fund	\$6,781.55	
	Well Water Donations Fund	\$3,147.80	
	WI EMS-FAP Fund - Equipment	\$7,555.28	
	WI EMS-FAP Fund - Training	\$329.28	
	Bridges Maintenance Fund	\$12,040.79	
	Waterways Maintenance Fund	\$10,033.99	
	Assessment Sinking Fund	\$0.00	
	Ambulance Billing Escrow Acct	\$1,000.00	
	Tourism Committee	\$167.00	
	General Govt Designated Funds	\$4,752.97	
	Health & Human Services	\$891.92	
	TOB A.I.S. Sinking Fund	\$11,473.48	
	Land Acquisition Fund	\$187,775.95	
Total all Money Market Funds		\$425,050.33	
Tax Collection Account Balance January 1, 2017			\$835,099.38
Deposits and Credits			\$2,245,285.10
Checks and Payments	TRANSFERS TO General Fund Checking		(\$2,176,421.60)
Interest Earned			\$0.00
TAX COLLECTION ACCT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$903,962.88
Vatten Paddlar Account balance January 1, 2017			\$3,921.67
Deposits and Credits			\$1,265.00
Checks and Payments			(\$1,434.55)
VATTEN PADDLAR BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$3,752.12
Hayward Community Credit Union balance January 1, 2017			\$333,496.79
Interest Earned			\$952.23
statement fees			(\$6.00)
Matured CD's Rolled Over to other accounts			(\$106,547.18)
	Savings		
	18 Month CD - 08/28/2015	\$171,899.07	
	18 Month CD - 08/28/2015	\$106,182.96	
	11 Month CD - 07/12/2016	\$55,414.76	
Total all HCCU Accounts		\$333,496.79	
HCCU BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$227,895.84

Johnson Bank balance January 1, 2017			\$210,856.80
Interest Accrued			\$2,137.86
Matured CD's Rolled Over to other accounts			(\$212,994.66)
12 Month CD#1 - 09/17/2017		\$102,458.42	
12 Month CD#2 - 09/17/2017		\$108,398.38	
	Total all Johnson Bank Accounts	\$210,856.80	
JOHNSON BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$0.00
Bank Mutual balance January 1, 2017			\$0.00
Interest Accrued			\$1,596.49
Matured CD's Rolled Over from other accounts			\$319,541.84
12 Month CD#2114 - 06/21/2018	(from HCCU)	\$106,547.18	
12 Month CD#2319 - 09/19/2018	(from Johnson Bank)	\$212,994.66	
	Total all Bank Mutual Accounts	\$319,541.84	
BANK MUTUAL BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$321,138.33
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS DECEMBER 31, 2017			\$1,976,619.81
INDEBTNESS			\$0.00

Chairperson Webb asked if there were any questions on the audit or yearend treasurer's report. Dave Schiess asked how much the town received for the sale of town owned property, Clerk Bourassa replied \$191,525.00.

Chairperson Webb then read her Annual Report from the Chair:

Congratulations to Seana Frint and Tom Emerson on their re-election. They have been an integral part of the Town Board and have taken their leadership roles very seriously. I would like to thank the entire board for their dedication and commitment to the Town of Barnes and the work they have done this past year. Thank you, Judy for everything you do for the town and for the town board. We know we can depend on you and I am thankful for all the assistance you have given me.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Dave Schiess for his many years of dedication to the Town of Barnes as a member of the Fire Department and employee of the Highway Department. Dave has retired from both departments and we wish him well.

The Board hired Jim Frint to fill the vacant position in the Highway Department. Jim has many years of experience that he brings to the position and we are happy to have him.

As Highway & Property Foreman, Eric Altman has worked with the Board to develop new processes and change others. I thank Eric for his willingness to work with the Town Board to make improvements in the Highway Department, to meet with the Right of Way Committee to identify road needs and to meet with Recreation Committee to continue improvements in our park system.

As a long-term employee, the Board recognizes the experience and skills Jerry Witt brings to the Highway Department. The Board greatly appreciates the input Jerry is willing to give when requested.

The town is fortunate to have dedicated firemen and committed ambulance personnel willing to serve when needed. Fire Chief Tom Renz has ensured trained firemen and equipment are ready at a moment's notice. As Ambulance Director, Tom shares the concern of many regarding sustainability of the Ambulance service. Tom has used his experience, contacts and his time in researching potential partnerships, and alternatives. I thank Tom for caring so deeply for the Emergency Service Department.

The Town also has part-time employees who contribute heavily to maintenance and managing town assets. I thank Deputy Clerk, Tami Hoff and all those employees who commit to manning the transfer site, maintaining parks, mowing, plowing roads, grooming trails, flooding skating rink, keeping town buildings clean; and those volunteers who serve on a variety of committees. A big thank you to the Gordon-Barnes Garden Club who do such a beautiful job maintaining flowers and landscape.

The Town Board has representation on each advisory committee. The AIS Committee continues to oversee grants received for the monitoring of aquatic invasive species. The Recreation Committee has made several suggestions for park improvements, now and for the future. The Tourism Committee will be working with County and State Tourism agencies to promote the area. The Roads & Right of Way Committee will be working with the Highway Department to identify traffic patterns, road conditions and potential hazards. The Plan Commission continues its work in reviewing requests for Conditional Use, Variance and Short-Term Rental permits. The Cemetery Committee oversees development of further expansion. The Transfer Site Committee ensures regulation of waste disposal and recycling rules. The Emergency Services Committee has been reconvened. I thank each one of you for the commitment you make for your town.

Town Board, Employees, Committee Members, Volunteers; this is your town government at work. If you are interested in serving, provide your name and area of interest to the Town Clerk and you will be notified of committee and volunteer openings.

Over the past year the Town Board has focused on projects where grants had been awarded. The reconstruction of Lake Road hasn't been without challenges, but with Roads & Property Foreman Eric Altman and the Road Right a Way Committee overseeing the project it has met deadlines set within the grant. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of June. The Tomahawk Ski Trail project that started last year will widen the trail to allow both skate skiing and traditional cross-country skiing. This project needs to keep advancing to meet timelines, with the project deadline of 2019. The Friends of Tomahawk Park volunteer group will be assisting recreation members and highway crew in clearing and maintaining the trail system. We need more volunteers as we look to erect a building onsite. This is a great opportunity for the public to be involved in enhancing an already popular recreational area. The town electors approved the sale of land-locked town property at last year's meeting. The proceeds from these sales will be used for future land purchases. The town purchased an additional 40 acres adjacent to the town park and the hope is to someday have the Town Park and Tomahawk Park connected by a trail system. The town also assisted Bayfield County in the purchase of a parcel on Jack Pine Ln. that will ensure the continued use of the snowmobile trail in that area.

The Town Board committed \$5,000 for a grant received by Norvado to update communications services in Barnes. This summer Norvado begins engineering and building Fiber Optic route with completion date scheduled for 2019. Bayfield County has committed to resurfacing County Highway N this summer from County Highway Y in Douglas County to County Highway A that leads to Iron River. Also slated for this summer is Douglas County's plan to complete the reconstruction of County Highway Y all the way to State Highway 27.

The Town Park continues to see improvements as the basketball court was replaced this past summer, the beginning of a trail was created linking the park with Ellison Lake Rd, and plans made to add a walking trail around the perimeter of the town park.

This year, my priority for the Board will be to devise short term and long-term goals to continue meeting regulatory obligations listed in Wisconsin State Statutes regarding roads and bridges, providing fire protection and providing ambulance service. The County will be replacing the bridge on South Shore Rd in 2020; but other bridges are also in need of repair or replacement.

The town will need to appropriate money years in advance as currently there is no governmental aid available. Bridge and road infrastructure is the most important asset the town has and we are mandated to provide safe road travel.

The Town Board chose to reconvene the Roads & Right of Way Committee at the onset of the Lake Road project. The board also reconvened the Emergency Services Committee earlier this year. These committees will work with the Board this year to create short term and long-term goals for road and bridge improvements; for enhancement to Fire Department, and for the sustainability or alternatives for Ambulance Service. These regulatory obligations need significant financial support and future budgets will see increases in these most important areas. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the town as a member of the Town Board. Thank you all for coming.

Eric Altman then presented the Annual Town and Roads Report:

Annual Report for 2018,

The Highway/Park and Recreation Department would not like to go over last year's events. Those are done. We would like to focus on some goals for the upcoming year.

- * Highway Safety. The Department will be working and planning alongside the Roads and Right of Way Committee. Together we will be identifying and correcting any known hazards.

- * New Paint on Designated Roads

- * Right of Way and Ditch improvements on Designated Town Roads

- * Establishing a 2' shoulder on all Black top roads where needed.

- * Ellison Lake Rd and Moore intersection reconstruction.

- * Lake Road Project. Paving and Final Punch list items

- * Haul Road Construction. Bayfield County has awarded the Town \$9000 in aid to improve our Northern Town Roads where logging and pulp loads are being transported down.

- * Tomahawk Park Project. This project will be in the last year of the 2 year phased project. The first year will focus on expanding the existing trails to 16 feet wide for classic and skate skiers. A warming hut built at Tomahawk Park and Trailhead parking improvements. The Department will construct the additional 3.2 miles on Bayfield County Land.

- * Walking Trail. The Highway Department will begin construction on a walking Trail that will leave the Town Park and end at Tomahawk Park.

- * Assist in the Planning and Design of New Fire hall.

- * Assist and Design of a New Salt Shed on Ellison Lake Rd

- * Bocce Ball Courts. The Highway Department will construct 2 new Bocce Ball Courts in between the Basketball Court and Softball field.

A special Thank You to the following people whom assisted the Highway Department this winter with Snow Removal: Dave Schiess, Mitch McGee, Bob Simonsen, Bob Brennan, and Leevi Frint.

Chairperson Webb asked if there were any questions for Eric, hearing none, Tom Renz, Fire Chief and Ambulance Director presented his report.

Chief Renz stated there were 76 calls (total for both Fire and Ambulance) in 2017. He would like a new Fire Hall to include sleeping quarters for personnel. There are currently 5 EMT's and 17 firefighters. He stated he will be retiring in 106 days and also announced his candidacy for the Bayfield County Coroner.

Barnes Fire Department

Solon Springs, WI

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Incident Type and Street Name for Date Range

Incident Status: Reviewed | Start Date: 01/01/2017 | End Date: 12/31/2017

Incident Date	Address	Incident Type
01/01/2017	Smart Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/11/2017	Walter Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/18/2017	County Highway A, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/30/2017	County Road Y, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02/02/2017	Valley Drive, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02/08/2017	East Shore Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Carbon monoxide incident
03/04/2017	S Beauregard Lake Road, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/04/2017	S Beauregard Lake Road, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/06/2017	Moore Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional
03/07/2017	lake road , Peninsula, Hwy 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Power line down
03/17/2017	S Ellison Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/27/2017	Martin Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Person in distress, other
03/28/2017	George Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/30/2017	East shore Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)
04/03/2017	NW Ellison lake Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04/07/2017	Us Highway 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Forest, woods or wildland fire
04/08/2017	George Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04/17/2017	Martin Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04/18/2017	US highway 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04/24/2017	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
05/02/2017	County Highway A, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
05/10/2017	County Highway N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
05/16/2017	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Power line down
05/26/2017	Connors Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Dispatched & cancelled en route
05/27/2017	South Shore Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/03/2017	E Robinson Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Dispatched & cancelled en route
06/03/2017	Barnes road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/05/2017	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/06/2017	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/06/2017	E Ellison Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/06/2017	E Ellison lake Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54814	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/07/2017	County Highway A, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Vehicle accident, general cleanup
06/09/2017	Circle Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/24/2017	Lake, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/30/2017	Evergreen Dr, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/03/2017	State Highway 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
07/08/2017	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

07/09/2017	Buck N Bass Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/09/2017	Marten Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Rescue, EMS incident, other
07/12/2017	Bony Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/13/2017	State Highway 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address
07/13/2017	Birch Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction
07/15/2017	County Highway N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Police matter
07/22/2017	US Highway 2, Keystone (Town of), WI 54856	Fire, other
07/24/2017	Walter Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/26/2017	Marten Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/29/2017	County Highway A, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/30/2017	Felix road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/02/2017	County Highway N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/09/2017	Broken Arrow Trail, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/09/2017	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction
08/13/2017	Buck N bass road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/19/2017	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Vehicle accident, general cleanup
08/28/2017	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Passenger vehicle fire
08/29/2017	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/31/2017	State Highway 27, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09/02/2017	Beaver Trail, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09/17/2017	Clark Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09/19/2017	E Robinson Lake road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/01/2017	Pine Chip Drive, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Carbon monoxide incident
10/06/2017	Highway 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/07/2017	Robinson Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/08/2017	County Road S, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/12/2017	S Ellison Lake Road, Highland (Town of), WI 548730000	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/17/2017	County Highway N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/21/2017	Red Oak Drive, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
10/28/2017	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/31/2017	Felix Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
11/18/2017	George Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
11/19/2017	River Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/01/2017	Wilderness Court, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/04/2017	Bony Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/05/2017	Lyndale Bay Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/15/2017	Bony Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/15/2017	State Highway 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction
12/23/2017	Point O pines Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

There were no questions for Tom, so the Clerk read the Constable's report:

In the last calendar year I received 67 ordinance related complaints : Approx..400 gallons of fuel : Total mileage : 5,500 miles : Approx...60 hrs / month on streetEnd report.....O' Keefe

The Chairperson asked if everyone present had signed in, both electors or guests and Clerk Bourassa reported the attendance of 49 residents and 4 non-residents.

The chairperson reviewed Town of Barnes Ordinance Chapter 2 Section 10-1 and the floor was then opened to those who signed up for Public Comments.

Carl Heltne of 49235 East Shore Rd., Barnes, WI spoke regarding his request at a previous meeting that the board address the EMS situation in Barnes. He thanked the board for their re-convening the EMS Committee. His second item was a request to establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to research multiple options for establishing a Water Safety Initiative or Plan that would ensure safety for all individuals who enjoy a wide variety of recreational opportunities on our lakes.

The board then recognized Cris Neff of 50510 Martin Rd, Barnes, WI who thanked the board for initiating the survey regarding the water ski ordinance. She asked about the numbered survey cards and if the cards were "assigned" to either non-resident property owners or voters. Chairperson Webb stated the cards were just numbered but were not tied to a particular property owner. They were numbered to ensure they were not duplicated. Barb Romstad asked about her sons who didn't receive a survey and was advised to contact the clerk.

Marcia O'Brien of 50365 Hwy 27, Barnes, WI stated that they didn't receive the surveys because they were mailed to their voting address. She called the Town Office which had received the mail returned so they were issued surveys. She stated she was in favor of rescinding the water ski ordinance. She would like us to work together, talk to each other, be friendly. She suggested a compromise could be reached, possibly changing the hours.

Kevin Shriver of 5100 Harriet Ave., Minneapolis, MN and property owner on Lake Rd spoke regarding the Vatten Paddlar. He's the race coordinator and he's looking for two start captains, one finish captains and four lake captains. He asked anyone interested in volunteering to speak with him after the meeting. Sponsorships are strong and he thinks the race will be successful.

Lyle Balistreri of 49625 E. Shore Rd., a non-resident property owner on Middle Eau Claire, stated he's never had an issue that requires an ordinance regulating water-skiing/jet skiing. He's been coming to Barnes for nearly 50 years and it's rare to see more than a handful of boats and/or skiers on the lake at a time (except, of course, on holiday weekends around the 4th of July) so he doesn't see the need.

Tom Renz stated it's been 5 years since the Germann Road fire. The DNR is putting on an event at the Barnes Town Hall on Saturday, May 12th at 10am-noon. Colin Nowaczyk said it's an educational event and an awareness program.

Lee Wiesner of the A.I.S. Committee stated they need volunteers for shoreline monitoring and boat landing monitors. The BAISS boat will be operating again this summer on Tomahawk and Sand Bar lakes. Contact the Town Clerk or Lee to sign up to work on the BAISS boat. We have a paid diver available as of May 20th.

Chairperson Webb thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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.

