

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014, 6:30PM
AT BARNES TOWN HALL, 3360 COUNTY HIGHWAY N, BARNES, WI**

1) Call the Monthly Town Board Meeting to Order, do Roll Call to establish a Quorum & Verification of Public Notice

Krob called the meeting back to order at 6:31 PM after the recess from the Closed Session held earlier where the roll call had been taken with Supervisors Webb, Meinke, Porter and McGee in attendance. A quorum had been established. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Bakke and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dorothy Vogel, and joining the Monthly Town Board Meeting were Roads and Property Foreman Bob Lang and EMS Director Tom Renz. Bakke reconfirmed the notice and agenda had been posted per State Statutes.

2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

All stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to approve the Agenda and the 1/14/2014 and 2/4/2014 Minutes of Board Meetings, and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Motion by Porter/Meinke to approve the Agenda and the 1/14/2014 and 2/4/2014 Minutes of Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those Minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

4) Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda

- Mitch McGee stated that since the Land Use Committee had been removed from the agenda, he reported the Committee recommended approval of the permit submitted for a home based business involving both a taxidermy shop and barber shop by Dennis and Kim Danowski. Krob was concerned the Board could not make a motion as it was not on the agenda, so it was decided the matter would be brought up at a separate meeting which will be held prior to the County Zoning Meeting on February 20, 2014.
- Donn Bergquist from the Buck-N-Bass stated they had applied for a special use permit to allow for storage in the pole barns located at the resort. He had gone to the County Zoning Meeting in December where they were denied with a 3/2 vote. He felt there was a lack of understanding as to what they wanted to do, e.g., setbacks were not met, too close to other structures, increase in traffic as resort is in a residential area. He felt outdated material had been presented. Would like to meet with our Land Use Committee and the Board to clarify any misunderstandings. Krob advised he would like them to show a period of compliance, then try for a permit at a later time.

5) Voucher's Approval – Discuss/Motion to Approve January Vouchers

Motion by McGee/Meinke to approve the January Vouchers. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes.

Motion carried.

6) Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke

a) Treasurer's Report

1) January Treasurer's Report

Bakke read report.

Motion by Meinke/Porter to approve the January Treasurer's Report.

Webb stated the balance shown in the Banners Fund should be transferred and the amount of petty cash reduced.

Roll Call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

2) HCCU – Discussion and possible action regarding moving some funds into CD's

Bakke reported current interest rates available for CDs. Discussion ensued on CD due to expire.

Motion by Krob/McGee to roll CD in the amount of \$105,685.51 due to expire 2/20/14 into new CD with an interest rate of 0.95% for 18 months at HCCU. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding balance in savings account. Portion should be placed into CD leaving monies available for unexpected expenses.

Motion by Porter/Meinke to move \$100,000 from account 110-101 into an 18 month CD at 0.95% interest at HCCU. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

b) Clerk Correspondence

1) Forestry Notices

Bakke read 6 forestry notices.

7) TOB Department Head Reports:

a) Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report – Bob Lang

Lang read report.

1) Snowplowing Roads – discussion and possible action

Krob stated the Town has been plowing all the roads due to State requirements, which has been causing problems for snowmobile use. Considering possibility of the Board contacting State officials to develop a compromise that works for both vehicular and recreational use. Mike Tremblay stated the Snowmobile Club is getting organized and creating a form letter that can be sent to the appropriate officials. The DOT is only following the laws; the Statutes need to be changed. It was decided to put this on the March agenda for an update from the Snowmobile Club.

2) Pease Rd. Class B Resolution

Information on the reclassification of Pease Road will be put in the March Blog. A Resolution will be presented at the next Employee Handbook review meeting for approval and signatures, after which it will be published and signs can be posted on the road prior to the road limits being lifted.

3) Security Cameras for Town Vehicles

Discussion ensued regarding installation of cameras in vehicles as well as at Town facilities to protect employees, as well as possible reduction of insurance rates as driving habits would be monitored. Renz recommended a vendor and further research will be conducted.

b) Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Tom Renz

Renz read report. Requested the sale of the old ambulance be placed on the March agenda.

1) Approval to hire new firefighter

Rick Mundle applied to join the fire department. A background check did not reveal any incidents that would disqualify him.

Motion by Porter/McGee to approve Rick Mundle's application to become a firefighter. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Renz announced the upcoming fund raiser for fellow firefighter Linda Nowaczyk. An egg/pancake breakfast will be held March 15th at Cedar Lodge along with a silent auction. Renz is in possession of the first item for auction, an autographed football from the 2013 Green Bay Packers! The committee is meeting Monday evenings at 7 PM at the Barnes Town Hall and he's looking for anyone who would care to help. Also looking for donations towards the silent auction.

c) Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe

No report was available.

8) TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

a) Transfer Site Committee: Mitch McGee

The new ambulance is being stored inside the building temporarily. People dropping off garbage on February 12th and 16th will have to use the outside drop site.

1) Floor Solutions – discussion and possible action

Krob explained that someone had fallen while removing garbage from their vehicle. Concerned about slippery floor; every vehicle coming in drops off snow. Attendants have been sanding the floor, which helps. Discussed possibility of changing vehicle flow through Transfer Site in order to save steps while throwing garbage into compactor.

Motion by Webb/Porter to open the floor to discussion. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

- Mike Tremblay stated that no matter which way you drive up to the compactor you still have to get out of your vehicle to remove the garbage.
- Gene Ratzel suggested laying blacktop inside the building. Would it adhere to the existing floor? Perhaps chip seal could be used, it would only add 3/8" or so. Lang will research.
- Jon Harkness noted there must be some professional service available that deals with this type of situation, the DOT perhaps, or check other transfer sites to see how they handle it.
- Tom Emerson suggested an asphalt pad be placed outside the door which could be salted to keep it clear.

Motion by Webb/Porter to close the floor. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

b) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess

Nothing to report.

c) Building Maintenance Committee – Mike Tremblay

Building Committee met on February 5th to review and reaffirm plans to move ahead with their presentation of construction of a new office structure for the Town of Barnes. It will be presented at the March 18th Monthly Board Meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to view their presentation then.

d) Tourism Committee

Krob stated the committee met February 5th. Worked on mission statement to be presented to the Board. Selection of officers will be forthcoming. Meetings will be held the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM at Barnes Town Hall (exception: March meeting will be March 5th). Looking for interested parties to get involved. Would like to push use of Tomahawk Park, second Triathlon will be held May 25th, see TriBarnes.com for more information.

9) Land Purchase – Rod and Linda Buss – discussion and possible action

Buss's purchased a small piece of land from the Town of Barnes in 2011, then it was thought to belong to someone else and Buss's had to purchase from them. They are requesting reimbursement of original purchase price (or portion thereof) since it had never been established who actually owned the land, even though a title search was conducted. Board agreed to investigate what costs were incurred by the Town at the time of purchase and make a final motion at the March Board Meeting.

10) Town Hall Use Agreement – discussion and possible action

Discussion ensued over portions of the Town Hall Use Agreement, especially exclusion of use of hall for fund raising.

Motion by Krob/Porter to open the floor for discussion. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

- Jon Harkness has some experience with use of public space. If the interested party was charging admission or selling things for personal gain, they were charged rental fees.

- Loren Bohl felt the idea of charging rental fees was good, it would help pay heating and lighting expenses.

Motion by Porter/Krob to close the floor. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Further discussion will be added to the agenda of the next Employee Handbook review meeting.

11) Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

a) Aluminum Can Collection – discussion and possible action

Porter talked to Colin Nowaczyk about his continuing efforts to collect aluminum cans for Operation Rudolph. He's in no position to think about it right now. Porter is looking for anyone interested in taking over the collection for now. Krob reiterated the fact that Allied Waste will not haul the aluminum cans but there is enough income generated to warrant finding another way to continue collecting cans. Renz requested we table until next month, he would like to talk with his fellow firefighters to help Colin since it's such a great cause. He was also advised Butch Kofal made the bins at the VFW, perhaps he could make a couple more.

b) Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

1) Michelle Ruprecht Special Use Permit – Review and possible action

The permit remains active, she's planning on getting goats in the spring, and as there are no complaints this item will be taken off of the timeline.

12) Adjourn

Motion by Webb/Porter to adjourn the February 11, 2014 Monthly Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy E. Vogel
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
This 12th day of February, 2014