

# MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – March 20, 2018  
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

## UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The board is resuming after adjourning the meeting with the EMS Committee where 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.

Clerk Bourassa stated that the minutes to be approved on the posted agenda were incorrectly listed as 3/1, 3/12 and 3/15/2018-they should have been listed as 2/1, 2/8 and 2/19 Special Board meetings and the 2/19 Monthly Board meeting.

*Motion was made (Desrosiers/Porter) to change the agenda to read “ the minutes of the 2/19/2017 Monthly Board Meeting and the 2/1/2018, 2/8/2018 and 2/19/18 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes”. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

Public Comment Session –

*Motion was made (Frint/Porter) to open the floor to public comment. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Cris Neff asked about the survey that was noted in the minutes from the 3/1 meeting asking if the survey would be tallied by an independent survey service. Chairperson Webb said UW Extension will be receiving the survey and will report the results back to the board.

*Motion was made (Porter/Desrosiers) to close the floor to public comment. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk Correspondence-

- a) Forestry cutting notices-Notices were on the back table
- b) Letter from Joe Zuelke- He will no longer be picking up furniture at the Transfer Site
- c) Update on ATV/snowmobile trail land expenditure-the 2017 budget included \$5,000 to aid the County in the purchase of a lot from the Marek family, the Town's portion was \$2,301.90 which was paid in March of 2018.

Update on progress of Ordinance Review, Chapters 1 General Provisions thru Chapter 8 Boating and Water Safety. Webb requested that Clerk Bourassa provide a summary to the board of the progress so far.

Vouchers approval –February vouchers

*Motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve February vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

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

*Motion was made (Desrosiers/Porter) to approve the February Treasurer's report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report-Eric Altman read his report. He provided the board with a map of the town garage, hall and office area proposing that the sand/salt shed be built in the area behind the skating rink where equipment is currently stored. He suggested paving an area that could be used to store the equipment and ultimately relocate the sand/salt shed to that location. For a full acre of 2" thick blacktop the cost would be approximately \$30,000.

Update on hiring of highway crewman-a proposal was sent to one of the candidates

Fire & Ambulance Departments – Tom Renz read his report

Ambulance Director Renz requested that the board approve the agreement between Sawyer County Ambulance and Barnes Ambulance to provide a Service Request requiring a \$500 fee for each request when the Barnes Ambulance Service is unable to staff and respond within its designated service area. A Service Request will activate the response of an ambulance from Sawyer County staffed with 1 Paramedic and 1 EMT.

*Motion was made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve the agreement between Sawyer County and Barnes Ambulance and to authorize Tom Renz to sign the agreement. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Constable Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe –Chairperson Webb read the report received

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Planning Commission

1. Update on Sobottka Class A permit – per Tracy Pooler, bunkhouse permit has been submitted
2. Michael Ballard of 1815 Island Lake Rd – Class A application for short-term rental. The Planning Commission recommends that the board approve the request.

*Motion was made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve the short-term rental application of Michael Ballard. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

b) Parks & Rec Committee

1. Health Infrastructure Grant – use for Town Park, application due 4/30. Highway & Property Foreman is preparing application.
2. Development of Tomahawk Lake Park Trail Grooming Plan and Volunteer Agreement
3. Timetable for continued expansion of Tomahawk Lake Park amenities under Grant Requirements –Chairperson Webb asked Eric Altman to work on putting together a timetable.

Supervisor Porter will be arranging a meeting of the committee in April to review the Grooming Plan and Volunteer Agreement and the Timetable.

c) Emergency Services Committee

1. Summary of recent meeting-Diane Rupnow will take Kara Foat's place and Jim Krook will be an alternate. Guy Johnston spoke regarding the direction of the committee – one objective will be to contact the County to see about the feasibility of a county-wide ambulance service. They will also work on determining the costs associated with a few alternatives the committee prepared including the possibility of hiring a fulltime EMT.

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 7:28PM.

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.

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