

**TOWN OF BARNES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
6:30pm Thursday, April 24, 2014**

MINUTES

(Unapproved)

Tom Krob called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. The Pledge of allegiance was said by all.

Introduction of new town office building project was presented by Mike Tremblay. Tremblay began with the history and accomplishments of the Building Committee, and described the process it took to come to the decision to recommend the building of a new office building. He then presented drawings illustrating proposed building placement on the town campus, outside views of the building, and floor plans, pointing out building features as he went.

- Steve Baldwin commented on the benefits and necessity for a private area to meet with people.
- Gene Ratzel asked what the impact on the Quonset hut and park would be. Tremblay reviewed the drawing showing building placement behind the current office just to the north of the drive the in very corner of the park having no impact on the current park arrangement, and showed there would be no impact to the Quonset hut.

Representative Steve Schraubnagle from C&S Design who is the architect on the project, was in attendance to answer any questions the people may have had. He also made some recommendations for improvement including better sound proofing insulation between the offices, increasing the fire wall to the records storage room to a two hour fire rating, better exterior wall insulation, and extending the peaks at each end of the building and the entry awnings.

The estimated cost to build the new office building is \$225,000.00. The Town has \$127,776.73 in the building and new office funds, leaving \$97,223.37.

- We could pay for the building with our existing savings or a five year loan could be obtained explained Tom Krob with payments of \$20,915.00 as an option.
- Chris Webb suggests we take money from our cash reserves to pay the remainder of the building cost. Donna Porter agreed.
- Steve Baldwin agrees with Webb and states that when the process of planning this project started he thought that plan was a given. The Town's cash reserves are for this type of use and it won't impact the taxpayers.
- Chris Webb stated that the Town has always put money away for these things.
- Brenda Bakke agrees with using the cash reserves.

There were no further questions from the Public.

Krob gave an explanation of voting methods and vote counters Steve Baldwin and Mike Tremblay were chosen. The elector's decision for voting method to be used was by show of hands with a vote of 27 for, 0 against.

Motion was made (Mike Tremblay/Linda Frank) to accept Resolution #14-02 to build a new office building for the Town of Barnes at an expense not exceed \$225,000.00. A vote of the people was taken with 29 voting for, 1 vote against, and 1 non-vote. Motion carried.

Motion was made (Linda Frank/Marcia Wellnitz) to adjourn the Special Town Meeting. Vote was unanimous to adjourn. Motion carried.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Brenda K. Bakke
Clerk-Treasurer