

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
August 18, 2015 at 6:30PM in the Barnes Town Hall

Chairman Tom Krob called the Town Board back from recess at 6:30 pm. Verification of public notice affirmed that Agenda was posted at three public places and on website.

Roll Call was done at Special Meeting of the Town Board earlier in the evening and all Town Board members are present. In the absence of the Town Board Clerk, Chris Webb offered to take Minutes of the Meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Motion was made by Donna and seconded by Julie to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 6/16 and 7/21 Town Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. There were no corrections. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session: Ted Caiazza publicly thanked Bob Lang for installing No Parking signs at the Pickerel Lake Boat Landing and for grading Walter Rd.

A Motion was made by Donna and seconded by Tom Emerson to approve the Vouchers for payment. No questions were presented. The Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Tom Emerson and seconded by Chris to authorize the renewal of two CD's maturing in August with Johnson Bank in Hayward. A comparison of rates was presented between Hayward Community Credit Union and Johnson Bank. Chairman Krob called for Roll Call: Tom Emerson - yes, Chris Webb - yes, Julie Bohl - yes, Donna Porter - yes, Tom Krob - yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Donna to approve renewal of two year Operator License for Tabitha Adolphson and Anne Wikan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Tom Emerson to approve a new two year Operator License for Autumn Adolphson on condition that proper documentation has been provided. Clerk will be instructed to withhold license until all documentation has been provided. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Tom Emerson to approve a new one year Operator License for Brady Rice. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Chris to approve a new two year Operator License for Debra Soar and Jill Tonn. Motion carried.

A request to include area events on the Town Website was discussed. A motion was made by Chris and seconded by Julie to table the discussion until plan for additional websites is researched. Motion carried.

Road & Property Foreman, Bob Lang gave his monthly road report which is attached to these minutes.

Tom Krob made a motion to give Bob Lang the authority to move Hans Rd if all proper authorization from landowners & County is received. Tom Emerson seconded the motion. Hans Road improvement plan was outlined as a road move to 275' west of its current location. Bob has verbal approvals from landowners and Bob has also met with County Highway Dept. The Town Highway Dept will perform all work. Necessary documentation will be filed, if any. Cost to move will be mainly gravel for new roadbed and restoring old roadbed to forestry condition. Chairman Krob called Roll Call: Tom Emerson - yes, Chris Webb - yes, Tom Krob - yes, Donna Porter - yes, Julie Bohl - abstained. Vote was 4 Yes and 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

Fire Chief and Ambulance Director, Tom Renz gave his monthly report which is attached to these minutes.

Tom Renz read a Thank You letter from Dawn and Jeff Pittman, in which they thank dedicated Emergency Personnel for their services. Dawn and Jeff have presented \$2500 to the Ambulance Department and \$2500 to the Fire Department for their use.

Tom Renz recapped the recent fire incident at Cedar Lodge. Owners Scott and Colleen Ruhman expressed their thanks by hosting a Thank You dinner this past week for firefighters, volunteers and community supporters. The fire was quickly reported by citizens and the rapid response by firefighters saved the building from destruction. Fire Chief, Tom Renz, presented a plaque to Bob Lang and Assistant Fire Chief, Dave Schiess in recognition for the quick response and use of their training in handling the fire. Chairman Tom Krob recognized the contribution the Fire Chief has made to the Fire Department in ensuring all proper training is provided.

Chairman, Tom Krob read the Constable's Monthly Report which is attached to these minutes.

Ingemar Ekstrom and Gerald Gustafson, representing the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, addressed several topics. Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program is close to meeting the required number of Volunteer Hours at the Boat Landings that are crucial for the Town to receive their reimbursement from the DNR Grant for the year. Each landing must have minimum of 200 hours of monitoring by Volunteers; and Robinson Lake Boat Landing is needing more attention over the next few weekends to accumulate the needed hours.

A mailing will be going out this week to Volunteers, reminding them of the Shoreline Monitoring program and will include a form for each Volunteer to complete and submit to the AIS Committee for inclusion in the annual report.

A Point Intercept completed by divers last week on George Lake shows no sign of Milfoil. However, a Point Intercept done on Tomahwak Lake and Sandbar Lake shows increased amounts of Milfoil. It is the AIS Committee's hope that these Milfoil areas will be heavily decimated in 2016 with the use of the AIS Harvester.

Ingemar and Gus updated the Town Board on the building of the Aquatic Harvester. A Pontoon and Trailer have been purchased by the Ingemar Ekstrom family and donated to the Town for the purpose of equipping the pontoon with equipment necessary to harvest AIS. Gerald

Gustafson has built a Jet Pump, but now the Town Board needs to authorize additional equipment purchases, such as the water pump and air supply. The Town Board had previously authorized the AIS Committee to make such purchases within a specified amount so reiterated that permission has been granted. Chairman Tom Krob will need to write a letter to the DNR to amend the scope of the Early Detection Grant to include equipment needed to mechanically remove AIS in Upper Eau Claire Lake, to enable those funds to be used for this purpose.

Land Use Plan Commission was presented with a request to place a RV on property located on Little Island Rd which is a correction to the address listed on the agenda as Island Lake Rd. Anthony & Dana Sobottka request to place a RV on their property on Little Island Rd, for two to five years while they pursue building a cabin. Gene Ratzel presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the request for a maximum of two year placement of current vehicle ID or newer vehicle. The Plan Commission can better monitor temporary placement of mobile units when shorter periods of time are allowed. A Motion was made by Tom Emerson and seconded by Donna to approve the Sobottka request for a Special Use Permit to place an RV on Little Island Rd property for up to two years. Vote was taken and Motion carried.

Tom Krob provided an update on the Tennis Court Resurfacing that may delay any repairs or reconditioning of the Tennis Courts until Spring 2016.

Roads & Right of Way Committee's Lake Road Project was discussed and actions taken at meeting held prior to the Regular Town Board Meeting this evening.

Follow up of last month's discussion regarding mileage computation for AIS Coordinator was that method for computing mileage was not addressed in the advertised posting of the Coordinator Position. The Town Board needs to set the method of payment for mileage and should review Coordinator Position document to include recording of mileage. Chris noted that the AIS Committee did discuss recording of mileage with current Coordinator. The Committee explained that standard mileage reporting would not include the mileage to and from work. Recording of mileage should be kept from home to first site, first site to subsequent sites, and then last site to home. Payment would be made on daily mileage between sites. Chairman Krob will follow up with current AIS Coordinator to ensure all questions have been answered.

The Town Board reviewed the Issues Timeline Log and found no changes necessary.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Julie and was seconded by Donna. Vote taken and Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted August 21, 2015.

Christine Webb
Acting Secretary

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.