

MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Hall

(UNAPPROVED)

The Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Roll Call was taken previously at the Town Board Closed Session. A Quorum was established by the presence of Tom Krob, Julie Bohl, and Tom Emerson. Chris Webb and Donna Porter were absent. Brenda Bakke, Town Clerk, and Bob Lang Highway Department foreman were also in attendance. Bakke verified Public Notice.

Everyone joined together to say the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion was made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the 8/19/2014 Board Meeting and dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

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

- Carol LeBreck – thinks community events should be on the Town website
- Ted Caiazza – Expressed a thank you to Bob Lang for work the Highway Department did on Pickerel Lake Boat Landing. Tom Slattery, DNR, approved the no parking sign requested.
- Greg Martin – Brings up bumpers for the Upper Eau Claire lake Boat landing and stated the Conservation Club will install the bumpers if the Town will buy them. The A.I.S.C. can use the Conservation Club's crib dipper. The Conservation Club agrees to help the Tourism Committee with the Canoe/Kayak Race and asks the committee to let them know what they would like them to do.

Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) to Approve August Vouchers. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

August Treasurer's Report was read by Bakke.

Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve the August Treasurer's Report. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion Carried.

Funding approval requested by Bakke for reimbursement of registration and mileage expenses for attendance at Small Town Forum in Mellon, WI by Bruce Hanson.

Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve reimbursement of expenses for Bruce Hanson to attend Small Town Forum in Mellon, WI. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

There were no Forestry Notices to report this month.

Retention of Building Permits and Zoning Issues records was discussed.

Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) to table until the November 2014 Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Bakke suggests donation of the overhead projector the Town currently has to BAHA for their museum. Bakke reports Tam Larson of BAHA said they could use it to post current displays and activities.

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) to donate the overhead projector to BAHA for the historical museum. Roll call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Emerson reminds everyone BAHA would probably be interested in anything having to do with Barnes history.

The Highway Department report was read by Bob Lang.

Fire & Ambulance Departments report was read by Tom Krob as Tom Renz was on duty for the Bayfield County Sheriff Department.

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) to assign Brock Frierhood as Captain for the Barnes Fire Department. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

The Constable's Monthly Report was read by Tom Krob for Mike O'Keefe.

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee report presented by Ingemar Ekstrom. Ekstrom reports the progress and status on the continuing problem with Eurasian Water Milfoil on Sandbar and George Lakes. The Milfoil problem continues on Tomahawk Lake. Treatments of Milfoil were discussed. Ekstrom reports a Hydraulic Conveyor System is being used on Tomahawk Lake in Oneida County to help rid the lake of EWM. This same equipment would be useful for EWM and Curly Leaf Pondweed on affected Barnes lakes. There would be approximately \$6,000 expense if the pontoon (Conservation Club's crib dipper) will work for this process. \$6,000 would be for equipment expenses to be used with the pontoon. A.I.S.C. is may need an additional \$3,000 for a used pontoon.

Ekstrom reports Carl Heltne suggested the Friends of the Eau Claire Lakes Association may donate \$1,000 towards the education of shoreline monitors.

Clean Boats Clean Waters will need a few more volunteer hours on Robinson Lake.

Anyone with volunteer hours that haven't been turned in need to get them turned in.

The Building Maintenance Committee report was given by Mike Tremblay. Progress on the new office building seems to be on schedule. There is siding on 2 ½ sides. The drywall is up but not mudded. It should be done by the end of October and ready to move into in early November. Landscaping will be done in the spring.

Cemetery Sexton & Committee report by Dave Schiess. There are a few cremation burials coming up and some monuments to set.

Land Use & Planning Commission chair, Gene Ratzel, reports there were no new permit applications.

Parks & Recreation Committee had nothing new to report this month.

Transfer Site Committee chairman, Tom Emerson, reviewed the minutes from the last committee meeting and reminded everyone that winter hours start November 1st. The transfer Site will be open 8:00a.m. – Noon on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Advertisement for waste pick-up service bids for 2015 will be placed and bids are being requested from Allied Waste, Waste Management, and Eagle.

The Recycling Ordinance revisions are in process.

Tourism Committee secretary, Barb Romstad, reports that the Barnes bicycle routes will be published in Bayfield County Bike Trails.

Romstad explains that the Tourism Committee wanted to bring back the Canoe race because it is a water based event in order to show what Barnes has to offer. There will be no entry fee for the first year or two while the Town sponsors this event. It is hoped that after the event gets going again the Conservation Club will have interest in taking over managing this event.

The Wisconsin Towns Association Convention is October 26-28, 2014. Krob attended this last year. The Town paid for his lodging and the convention entry fees. He paid his own mileage. Krob will be attending again this year. Bakke and Bohl also expressed an interest in attending.

ATV Trails Update from Loren Bohl, President of Lake Country ATV Club. Bohl reports they have had positive conversation with Lyme (Lyme St. Criox Forest Company) regarding reopening some of the local ATV trails. Krob stated MaryAnn Lippert of Bayfield County Tourism has been helping in the work to open trails again. Discussion followed on which trails may possibly be reopened and what alternate routes may be available to use.

Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge guardrail installation is being considered at two of the approaches. A quote of \$4,300.00 has been submitted by the same company that installed the fencing on the bridge railings. Emerson suggests we check into the cable type rail systems that are used on interstates.

Motion made (Emerson/Krob) to open discussion to the floor. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes.

Motion carried.

- Linda Frank - we should find out where the state gets their guardrails
- Bob Lang – we should have stronger supports on this because traffic is approaching down hill
- Loren Bohl – questions the River Rd. bridge approaches as a safety concern
- Julie Bohl – thinks it should be researched so it is being done right
- Greg Martin – asks if a study has been done on how many and what type of accidents have occurred there?
- Carol LeBreck – suggests the guardrail be put at a 45 degree angle blocking traffic from going into the river
- Greg Martin – we should replace the bridge guardrail
- Carol LeBreck – signage is most important
- Barb Romstad - \$4,300 is not much to save a life
- Ingemar Ekstrom – reflectors are very helpful in making something visible, even on a curve
- Dave Schiess – the road is posted for speed, curve, and narrow bridge
- Loren Bohl – was told the guardrails have to be attached to the bridge railings

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) to close the floor to discussion. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion made (Krob/Emerson) to table this issue pending receipt of proposal from Matison Company. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

Dock quote to be reviewed to see if bumpers for the Upper Eau Claire lake Boat landing dock were to be included with the dock, or if the Town is responsible to purchase them.

Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update – no changes or additions.

Motion made to adjourn the Monthly Town Board Meeting. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer