

# MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – December 19, 2017  
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

## UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A 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.

*Motion was made (Frint/Porter) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 11/21/2017 Monthly Board Meeting and the 12/1/2017 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

Public Comment Session –

Carl Heltne asked if the ambulance department was unable to respond to two ambulance calls in the past few months; and what does the town plan to do to meet its requirement to provide emergency services. Supervisor Porter stated it was certainly possible due to the lack of available personnel. Chairperson Webb said the board is looking into the situation, but we need first responders. There has been some training of personnel but Ambulance Director Tom Renz was not in attendance so he wasn't able to provide more information. The board hopes to have some more information by May when they review the design plan for a new Fire/Ambulance Hall currently being designed by Morgan & Parmley. It is hoped we would be able to attract qualified individuals. Carl asked if the town has done anything regarding EMS Committee suggestion of community paramedic. He would be willing to serve if committee is called back. Carl requested answers be part of meeting minutes. (Town Chair has verified that County Dispatcher notified other emergency service providers in two instances over past few months due to understaffing. EMS Committee will be discussed at January board meeting. New EMS Hall is being designed to allow temporary living quarters.)

Mike Tremblay spoke regarding the Barnestormers Snowmobile Club recent building of a storage facility. He thanked the board and road department for their support.

Cris Neff spoke regarding the tax insert about Wisconsin Boating Laws and our local ordinance

Ted Eastlund spoke and presented a written statement regarding the tax insert as well

Clerk Correspondence-

A-1 Payment Application #2-Zech Gotham stated the application was for additional gravel tickets not included in Payment Application #1. He stated some of the rough areas and potholes occurred due to the frost in the ground so they weren't able to grade. He stressed that the road is still under construction. Zech also addressed the light issue at the VFW which was a private utility crossing a public right of way. Neither A-1 nor Morgan & Parmley were aware of the line prior to construction. The cost to repair (approximately \$1,520) could be addressed in a change order. He also asked the board to consider their position on Alternate #1 which was to add ½" extra asphalt at a cost of \$53,950.00 (the base bid was for 2" of asphalt). Zech updated the board on his attempt to

contact Bob Fierek by email. Zech stated he has had no response. Chairperson Webb suggested contacting him by mail. She asked the clerk to provide his address to Morgan & Parmley and to add the discussion/decision on VFW light issue and Alternate #1 to the January agenda.

Email from Carol LeBreck regarding the tax insert-Chairperson Webb stated that we had discussed at an August meeting that we would have a public education campaign regarding Wisconsin Boating Laws and the local ordinance. A draft of tax insert was discussed at the monthly board meeting and it was proposed that information regarding our local ordinance be included. The draft was revised to include reference to Local Ordinance Chapter 8 but it was moved to the bottom of the insert and added the comment that it is enforced by the Town Constable. Zach Desrosiers commented that he felt if the reader read the entire document it was clear. Tom Emerson said he would have preferred that the insert had not been changed. Webb wanted the distinction made that you contact the Town Constable for violations of the local ordinance and the DNR for violations of state laws. Carol LeBreck asked if she could address the board and stated her frustration with the change. Webb said the board would take her comments under consideration for future publications. Supervisor Frint said this was a first attempt and further efforts to educate the public are on-going. Webb assured her that we will try to be clear and concise in our future education efforts.

#### Forestry cutting notices

Review of Resolution R17-13, Surface Water Grant, Lake Management Planning Grant. Chairperson Webb read the resolution and stated the grant was for a cost share in the amount of \$3,000 and it's for a design study for storm water runoff at Tomahawk Lake Park. Supervisor Porter thanked Pat Johnston for her help with the grant application process.

*Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve Resolution R17-13 Surface Water Grant, Lake Management Planning Grant. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

#### Appointment of Election Workers for 2018-2019 Elections

Bourassa reported all the current poll workers, with the exception of Linda Frank, want to continue their work for the Town on elections, and that they work well together and are a strong team. Staffing for the upcoming 2018 elections was discussed and the clerk requested that an election worker be appointed to replace Linda and an alternate be appointed as well.

Supervisor Desrosiers thanked Linda Frank for her years of service as an election worker.

*Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to re-appoint the current election workers, Mary Sadenwasser as Chief Election Inspector, Florence Prickett as alternate Chief Election Inspector and Bev Lowrey, Dorothy Mueller, Florence Prickett and Diane Menard as Election Inspectors. Laurie Balousek is appointed as an alternate election worker. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

#### Vouchers approval – November vouchers

*Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve November vouchers and the A-1 Payment Application #2. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

#### Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

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

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

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report was given by Eric Altman. He also presented a Traffic Count report of the most highly-used roads in town which included Ellison Lake Road, Lake Road and George Lake Road.

Fire & Ambulance Departments -Monthly BES report by Tom Renz was read by Chairperson Webb. She stated she would ask Tom Renz to include a count of calls they weren't able to respond to.

Constable Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe –read by Chairperson Webb

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

- a) Tourism Committee- Seana Frint stated that Kevin Shriver has agreed to be the Vatten Paddlar Coordinator. Zach Desrosiers will be the liaison and the event will be held July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Action Items and Timeline- they were reviewed and updated

Clerk Bourassa has requested a list from Bayfield County Planning and Zoning of all short-term rentals in the Town of Barnes.

Chairperson Webb updated the board on the status of the sign at the VFW. The signs will be attached to the building and they received a stay allowing them to make the changes in the spring as long as they don't have the sign turned on.

Supervisor Emerson asked about the re-paving of County Hwy N – it will be done next year.

*Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

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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