

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday – September 17, 2013 at 6:30PM

At Barnes Town Hall – 3360 County Highway N – Barnes, WI

APPROVED

- 1) Call Meeting to Order and do Roll Call to establish a Quorum & Verification of Public Notice**
Chairperson Tom Krob welcomed everyone and hoped everyone could hear him. Krob called the reconvened open session of the September Board Meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Roll call had been taken at the earlier meeting and a quorum had been established. Attendees consisted of Chairperson Krob, Supervisors Meinke, Porter and McGee. Supervisor Webb was attending an out-of-town class. Town Staff attendees were Bakke and Vogel. Roads & Property Foreman Bob Lang attended this session. Bakke verified for Krob that the meeting notice had been posted in accordance with State Statutes.

- 2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag**
All stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag.

- 3) Motion to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of previous Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.**
Motion was made (Porter/Meinke) to approve the Minutes of previous Board Meetings, and to dispose with the reading of those Minutes. No discussion needed, roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

- 4) Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda**
Carol LaBreck proposed creating an adhoc communication committee to determine ways to reach out to the entire population, both full and part-time residents, perhaps the website can contain more information on all the committees, e.g. planning committee, reclamation plan for bridge, perhaps moving the Annual Meeting to June so more people can attend. Krob stated State Statutes regulate the date of the Annual Meeting.
Maralene Strom, Marketing Consultant, gave a presentation on the new Buck N Bass. They're working with Kevin Murphy to widen the breadth of service and bring people in through tourism and the local community, and plans for supporting area service non-profits with fundraisers. Provided photos of improvements to cabins, lodge and campground, new menus and schedule of events through 2014.

- 5) Voucher's Approval – Discuss/Motion to Approve August Vouchers**
Motion was made (McGee/Meinke) to approve the August vouchers. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

- 6) Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke**
 - a) Treasurer's Report**

Bakke read the August Treasurer's Report.

Motion was made (Meinke/Porter) to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

b) Clerk Correspondence

1) Propane Pricing

Bakke read quotes received for 2014: Polas Gas quoted \$1.199, Superior quoted \$1.399, Como quoted \$1.299. Quote from Polar Gas was selected.

2) Operators Licenses Approval

Application for Laura Colby at the Buck N Bass was updated from last month.

Motion was made (McGee/Porter) to approve the two-year operator license for Laura Colby. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

New two-year application for Annie Zweifel at the Cabin Store. Krob stated no problems or issues on the application.

Motion was made (Porter/Meinke) to approve the two-year operator license for Annie Zweifel. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

New two-year application for Patrice Cheselski at the Buck N Bass. Two offenses in the past involving alcohol.

Motion was made (Porter/McGee) to approve a six-month probational operator license for Patrice Cheselski. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

3) Citizen's Request for Service

Request from Jerry Feirer to grade portion of Moore Road. Completed.

Request from Justin Christenson to post "slow - school bus stop ahead" sign on Lake Road by VFW. Completed before school started.

4) Forestry Notices

Notice read by Bakke

5) Tri-States Business Supply – Printer/Copier Lease

Bakke stated lease on printer/copier expires in November. Will be included in budget meetings scheduled in October.

Supervisor Chris Webb joined the meeting via telephone at 7:10 PM.

7) TOB Department Head Reports:

a) Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report – Bob Lang

Lang read the monthly road report. Added blacktopping of Barnes Road delayed until mid-October. Sand-screening bids are due and would need to schedule meeting next Tuesday or Wednesday (9/24 or 25) to discuss. We should also be hearing from Allied Waste shortly.

Board and Lang will be making annual Road Inspection Tour on Saturday, 9/21. Discussion ensued amongst Board as to start time. Expect it will take 4-5 hours. Board agreed on 8 AM.

1) Discussion of Town bridge inspections.

Discussion moved to Item 10 below.

b) Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Tom Renz

Tom Renz was unable to be present. Report was read by Bakke. Report requested approval of P J Foat to the Fire Department.

Motion was made (Meinke/Porter) to approve P J Foat to join the Fire Department. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

- 1) **Approval to eliminate one of the Fire Inspector positions and appoint James Prickett as the only Fire Inspector.**

Motion was made (Webb/Porter) to approve James Prickett as the only Fire Inspector. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Renz's report also questioned procedure about Ambulance personnel not meeting minimum standards. Krob will talk further with Renz for more information.

- c) **Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe**

Krob read the report from Constable O'Keefe

8) **TOB Committee and Commission Reports:**

- a) **Building Maintenance Committee: Mike Tremblay – Nothing new to report.**

- b) **Transfer Site Committee: – Mitch McGee – Nothing new to report.**

- c) **Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ingemar Ekstrom**

1) **ECLA POA presentation.**

Fred Haueter, ECLA POA Treasurer, presented a check from their members for the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program in the amount of \$1,480.00

Ingemar went on to describe the funding changes for 2014. Finished 18 weeks of monitoring boat landings. Monitors will be out again for the Muskie Tournament. Have to finalize statistics for existing grant. Thanked the Board for the Town's help to keep track of expenses. Matt Berg took underwater pictures, no milfoil found on George and Sandbar Lakes, some in the Tomahawk Lake beach area. Important to continue monitoring lakes, perhaps enlist scuba divers who can keep an eye out for AIS. Have to watch for creative ways for funding in the future, spot treatment of problems costs much less than treating the entire lake. One more committee meeting in October, then a break until the next meeting in February, 2014.

- d) **Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess**

Four burials occurred in the last month, two cremations and two full burials.

- e) **Parks & Recreation Committee: Donna Porter**

Bakke had a visitor to the office request additional "no dogs in the park" signs. Lang will check the cost for additional signs.

- f) **Land Use Planning Commission: Dave Pease**

Pease reported no agenda items this month.

9) **Water Ordinance Update.**

Krob received the Ordinance back from the attorney. Bakke added signature lines. It will be sent to the DNR for approval. Sixty days after approval we will hold a public meeting. Meeting date will be published in the paper. Looking at a Saturday date so more people can attend. Krob asked if any questions from the Board. Paperwork will be submitted to the DNR by the end of this week.

10) **Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge Update.**

Krob received two proposals for independent bridge inspection, one from Cooper Engineering and one from Ayres Associates. Krob summarized both proposals. Discussion ensued as to whether to inspect all 4 bridges or focus on the Outlet Bay Road bridge. Bridges are due for inspection in 2014, and Board is aware all bridges will need some work. Final determination was to focus on Outlet Bay Road bridge this year.

Motion was made (Porter/Meinke) to go with Ayres Associates at a cost of \$700 to inspect the Outlet Bay Road bridge as soon as possible. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

11) Kingman Loomis – Barnes Retirement Living Center

Mr. Loomis questioned whether the Board had made any decisions on his presentation last month to provide property tax relief for 2011 and 2012. Through investigation it was discovered that charge back forms need to be sent to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue by October 1, 2013. Determination will be received from the State on November 15, 2013.

Motion was made (Webb/Porter) to table issue to see what the State's determination reveals. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

12) Banners for Barnes – Marcia Ritter

Marcia Ritter presented 27 banners to the Town of Barnes for all to enjoy. After brackets are made by Lang, a banner stating "Barnes Wishes You Happy Holidays" will be hung near Highways N and A (near Doorn's), and the other near Highways N and 27 (near RC's Decoy Inn), with a variety of banners hung in between. The Banner Committee, consisting of Sara Hartman, Brenda Heltne, Dorothy Keifer and Marcia, are hoping the banners can be hung by November 29th, then removed after the New Year. Thanks to all who contributed!

13) Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

a) Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

Meinke reported the Community Wildfire Protection Plan still in process

Lang reported work started on the boat landing on Upper on schedule, 9/9/2013.

14) Adjourn

Motion was made (Porter/McGee) to adjourn the September Monthly Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted By:

Dorothy E. Vogel
Town of Barnes Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
This 19th day of September, 2013