

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 5:00 PM

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

APPROVED

1. **Call the meeting to order and do Roll Call to establish a Quorum; and Verification of public posting.**

Chairperson Tom Krob called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Roll call was taken. In attendance were Supervisors Chris Webb, Jack Meinke, Mitch McGee, Donna Porter and Chairperson Krob. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Town staff members Brenda Bakke, Town Clerk-Treasurer and Dorothy Vogel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, as well as Tom Renz, Fred Barnes and Irene Bott from the Barnes Emergency Service. Bakke verified for Krob that the meeting notice had been posted in accordance with State Statutes.

2. **Motion to Approve the Agenda and go into Closed Session.**

Motion was made (Porter/Meinke) to approve the agenda. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

3. **Specific matters intended for discussion and possible action by the Town of Board for closed session:**

- a) **State Statute 19.85(1)(c) "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data"**
- b) **State Statute 19.85(1)(f) "considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data, or considering specific personnel problems or investigation of charge"**
- c) **No decisions will be made in Closed Session.**

Motion was made (Porter/Meinke) to go into Closed Session. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Only issues pursuant to the State Statutes noted above were discussed.

4. **Motion to adjourn to Open Session for discussion and possible action from Closed Session.**

Motion was made (Webb/Porter) to adjourn from Closed Session and move to Open Session. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Barnes stated Renz claims he made written complaint about Irene Bott. Renz read complaint. Barnes questioned where in the complaint to Renz did he make a complaint about Bott. It was a complaint against EMTs and the proper process, not Bott personally. Requested letter be recorded in the minutes. Barnes read the following letter, stating he had made an error on the date; had written May 17, should be May 15. Letter follows:

May 21, 2013

Mr. Tom Renz, Ambulance Director

Barnes Emergency Service

3360 County Hwy N

Barnes, WI 54873

Subject: Response to verbal complaint by Irene Bott:

This is in regards to the May 17, 2013 accident on the junction of Hwy. 27 and Bayfield Cty. Hwy N.

I believe a number of things were done wrong at this accident, including the extrication and spinal immobilization of the patients.

I believe a full investigation into the care of the patients should be completed.

Respectfully yours,

G. Fred Barnes

Webb stated we should be able to find professional courtesy amongst members of the ambulance service as this is what the public sees at an accident scene. Barnes stated patient comes first; lots of things were done wrong at the ambulance call.

Barnes brought up issue to Renz about why they were charging him for course. He referenced details in Employee Manual, if PT/Volunteer employees do not work a regular schedule why do they have to sign up for 72 hours/month to get paid for credits and education. Renz stated Board had passed that ruling; the Town is paying for prepared, well-trained staff. Not Renz's decision.

Barnes brought up a question regarding problems when we call another ambulance service to cover. Renz stated he has gone to Gordon and is working on it. Barnes wondered why we haven't gone to Great Divide who is waiting to provide paramedic service. Board stated Great Divide made a presentation back in November 2012 but we haven't heard anything further from them. Barnes also brought up why we haven't got a lot of EMTs and that we need EMTs. He knows of a good guy who has been kept from the department, and that's Gregg Frierhood, who would like to get back on the department. Barnes accused Renz of denying Frierhood in the past, but the Board clarified that it was the Board's decision not to accept Frierhood's application. It is not up to Renz to decide and the Board repeated it was their decision. Bott brought up the fact that she can't remember a time we needed another ambulance provider. Porter stated we would not be shorthanded if more EMTs would respond to calls. When asked at meetings, no one responds. Barnes stated the EMTs feel intimidated by Renz as he is a cop. Renz was flabbergasted by comment, Barnes stated and Renz agreed that Renz has pulled Barnes over many times and has never given him a ticket. Krob stated perhaps someone from the Board should talk to each EMT, find out why they do not respond to calls.

There was further discussion on following proper safety procedures at the scene and changes to existing protocol. Upon response from the physician another meeting will be called.

Board thanked Renz for his hard work and dedication.

Motion was made to recess Open Session and resume Closed Session. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Only issues pursuant to the State Statutes noted above were discussed.

Motion was made (Meinke/Webb) to adjourn from Closed Session. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Porter was excused to attend Ambulance meeting.

5. Initial discussion for 2014 budget planning for the Town of Barnes.

Bob Lang, Road & Property Foreman, joined the Board in Open Session. Bakke explained the initial budget details provided included the 2013 Final Budget Report prepared 11/2012, 2013 Actual YTD, employee wage history and price projections from vendors for 2014. Lang discussed key projects for 2014 being road construction and new equipment purchase. Discussion ensued regarding costs of doing the work with the town's personnel and equipment versus contracting the work out, which roads should receive first priority for repair, possible grants and matching fund programs available to us, etc. Lang will put together more data for the next budget meeting.

6. Adjournment.

Motion was made (McGee/Webb) to adjourn the October 2, 2013 Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy E. Vogel

This 8th day of October, 2013