The Town Of Barnes' Operations
Potential Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic
Update April 9, 2020

- *March 16,2020, Centers for Disease Control Guidelines for COVID-19 implemented by BES.*
- *March 19, 2020, Bayfield County declared a county-wide Public Health Emergency.*
- *March 23, 2020, Town of Barnes declared a Public Health Emergency. Designates Tom Renz, Emergency Coordinator to lead and advise.*
- *March 23, 2020, Governor Evers' issues Safer At Home Executive Order*
- *April 3, 2020, Additional safety suggestions for volunteer EMT and Firefighters added to procedures.*
- *April 4, 2020, Wisconsin's Disaster Declaration is approved.*

- *Town of Barnes Emergency Services, EMTS and Firefighters, are updated with information as pertains to the spread of COVID-19. Additional PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) have been received and plans are to continue ordering equipment to ensure safety for our volunteers; and supplies to ensure safety for our community. If you are in-need of masks, please call (715)795-2424.*

- *The Town Office is distributing information on the website, facebook, public postings on bulletin boards and businesses open to the public, and by email to organizations for distribution among their members.*
- *The Town Office is open to the public by appointment only. For assistance, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (715)795-2782. The Town Board members' contact information is available on the website.*

- *To minimize the number of employees who could potentially be exposed to COVID-19, and to comply with Governor Evers' Safer At Home Order, part-time employees were furloughed until the order is lifted. While the date is to be determined, it is hoped that normal operations will resume in May.*
- *Full-time employees are Town Clerk-Treasurer, Roads & Property Department (3), EMTs (2). Please understand that these employees have been assigned additional duties at this time. If you have any issues you wish to have addressed, we ask that you contact a Town Board member directly.*

- *On April 2,2020, the Town of Barnes Emergency Services initiated an assistance program for those complying with Governor Evers' Safer-At-Home order, who can't, or do not wish to leave their homes for food or medications. The BES is pairing volunteers with those in-need to have supplies delivered to their homes. If you need this service, or are willing to volunteer, please call BES at (715)795-2424.*

- *The Transfer Site is open on Wednesday and Saturday during the month of April. Roads and Property Department employees are on-site to assist patrons. Normal operations and fees have been reinstated.*

- *The Open Book will be held on April 14th from 2-4pm by phone, email or video conference-no in person*
- *Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at Town Hall. It is expected that the Annual Meeting will recess until May 19, 2020.*
- *The Town Board monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2020 online using Zoom Video Conferencing. Details needed to access Zoom will be made part of the posted Notice of Meeting.*
- *Regularly scheduled meetings of Town Committees will be held only if necessary, using Zoom Video Conferencing. Committees wishing to meet should contact the Town Chairman with details.*

- *Public buildings will remain close while Governor Evers' Safer-At-Home order is in effect.*
- *Senior meals–Contact Bayfield County Aging/Disability Services 715-373-6144 for substitute program.*
- *Wisconsin DNR/UW Ext System has suspended the Clean Boats/Clean Water program until June.*
- *The DNR has suspended all burning permits. No burning of any kind is allowed.*

Advice and actions related to response to COVID-19 in the US can change quickly so it is important to continue to monitor the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website which will continue to be the source of all public information.