

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday February 19, 2019
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30PM. A quorum had been established in the Special Town Board Meeting immediately preceding the Monthly Town Board Meeting. Zach Desrosiers was absent. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 1/15/2019 Monthly Board Meeting and the 1/9/2019 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to open the floor for public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session: Mike Furtak advised the board he was there representing G. Fred Barnes and his Class B application for a short term rental if they have any questions or concerns.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to close the floor to public comments. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence-cutting notices; road damage exemption has been received from Boulder Lodge Rd property owners, holding the Town harmless for any damages done by snowplows; membership invoice received from Town Advocacy Council. Clerk Bourassa reported that the TAC advocates for legislation that advances town government interests and was successful in getting the General Transportation Aids increased by \$187 per mile (the largest increase ever!), increased Local Road Improvement Program funding by \$1.33 million per biennium, secured \$35.5 million in broadband funding among other accomplishments in the last legislative session.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to join the Town Advocacy Council at a cost of \$193 per year. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on amendments to Chapters 1, 4,7,10 & 11 ordinances-tabled to next monthly board meeting so all ordinances can be amended at one time. Remaining ordinances are currently with the town attorney for review.

Vouchers approval –January vouchers

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to approve January vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The January Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was reviewed. The total of all accounts is \$2,436,772.35 and the year-to-date interest earnings is \$265.36.

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

Request for reservation of the Town Park for August 17, 2019 for a music event
PJ Foat would like to reserve the Town Park for a music event this summer on a trial basis. Four bands will be participating with music beginning at 2pm with breaks in between and fireworks ending at 11:30PM. A generator will be rented for power, a picnic license will be applied for (allowing beer and wine) and a usage agreement is being drafted. The town's insurance agent and attorney have been notified and concerns regarding liability insurance coverage and a hold harmless agreement are being addressed.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve the request for reservation of the Town Park on August 17, 2019. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report was read by Chris Webb.

Highway Department Roads Report

Snowplowing and sanding took up most of our time in the last month.

Jerry's truck went in for repairs today. It's been scheduled a couple of times and delayed because of the weather.

We have a timber company representative coming to look at the timber in the right of way along Denver Rd.

Jim Frint stated the soil borings of Denver Rd will be done in April.

A quote from Lawson Products for a universal shop set-up kit with supplies was reviewed.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the purchase of the universal shop set-up kit at a cost of \$2,175.79. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Supervisor Porter requested that the highway department check with Tom Renz on getting the locks changed on the garage building.

Fire and Ambulance Departments' monthly BES reports was read by Chris Webb

Monthly report

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There have been 7 ambulance call since the last meeting

2 to Hayward

1 - to Hayward with Sawyer County intercept

1 - Mutual aid to Lake Nebagamon for Gold Cross and transported to Hayward

1 - Fire stand by

1 - To Duluth Gold Cross Intercept Gold Cross took patient

1 - fire stand by cancelled

Fire Department has had two calls

1 – Alarm cancelled

1 – Carbon Monoxide alarm

Things are moving along. I am teaching in Ashland tonight for WITC and will not be at the meeting. I would like to have a meeting scheduled for next week to discuss the fire hall plans and EMT job description. I have Surgery on March 1st and was hoping to meet before that. I have talked to Judy and she will explain or get back to me.

We are also preparing for the wildland season.

Thanks

Tom

Due to Tom Renz's absence, the EMT job description was not reviewed

Wildfire Risk Reduction Project-this was referred to the highway department and Chris Webb will be checking with the DNR as well.

The Constable report from Mike O'Keefe was read by Chris Webb

(12) property checks : for out of town residents(1) trespass complaint : snowmobile crossing private property(1) assist vehicle : stuck in ditchEnd reportOKeefe

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Lakes Committee-Cris Neff

The Recommendations of the Barnes Ad Hoc Lakes Committee to the Town of Barnes Board February 19, 2019

The Lakes Committee Recommends that the Town of Barnes Board:

- Formally request a commitment of increased law enforcement presence and education this coming summer by the WDNR & Sheriff's Department
- Support the DNR program, Operation Dry Water.
- Utilize public media – print and social media, to educate users about WI State Boating Laws and encourage all users to take the WI Boater Safety Class. The program is available online at <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>
- Coordinate with CBCW monitors at boat landings to place a buoy at 100' and 200' distance for educational purposes, minimally for Memorial Day and 4th of July weekends, and distribute or have available educational media.
- Educate and Encourage wake boat users to utilize the center of the lake while creating large wakes as a courtesy to other users.
- Post links on the TOB website: to the WDNR website to support self-education and the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers. Also provide this information to individuals at boat landings in the form of a card.
- Consider utilizing the 4th of July parade for educational purposes to reach a large audience. The float display should include all boat types and what their primary offense is; 100' and 200' examples would be very helpful. Cards with the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers and the WDNR web address should be handed out.
- Update Town of Barnes signs with "Please know your boating laws & be respectful."
- Contact and encourage clubs to include the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers and WDNR web address in their newsletters.

- Include the Sheriff/WDNR phone numbers and WDNR web address with tax statements.
- Review safety & procedure notices at the Lock and Dam to confirm they are compliant with the State laws, and strong current notices.
- Reconvene this Lakes Committee in the Fall after violation reports are received from the Sheriff's Department and WDNR.
- Mail Post cards with the Mission Statement and the following bullet items to all land owners this Spring (2019) before the fishing opener.
 - **Mission Statement**– *The Eau Claire Lakes are a beautiful natural resource which provide diverse opportunities for recreational enjoyment. Please know your boating laws and please be respectful.*
 - Report violations: 911 and 1-800-847-9367 (1-800- TIP-WDNR)
 - The WDNR Water Safety Page: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>
 - Remember your PFDs (lifejackets).
 - Please respect the 100' and 200' laws. Buoys will periodically be placed at the boat landings for visual representations and education.
 - **Everyone** is encouraged to take the Wisconsin Boating Safety Course (available on the DNR link listed above).
 - Everyone, please have a respectful and enjoyable summer on our lakes!

Respectfully Submitted By,

The Barnes Ad Hoc Lakes Committee:

Chair-Christine Neff, Secretary- Linda Mackley, Rick Rehl, Tony Bauer

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to recess the Lakes Committee to a later date. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

b) Roads & Right of Way Committee –Tom Emerson

1. Update on selection of consultant for South Shore Bridge Replacement project.

Tom reported that the selection committee interviewed 3 firms and will make a recommendation to Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

2. Resolutions to discontinue the east fork of Wilbur Smith Rd, Blue Lake Landing Rd and Buck N Bass Rd

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve Resolution 19-01 to discontinue the east fork of Wilbur Smith Rd. Roll call vote was taken, with all members of the Town Board voting yes. Motion carried. Note: Public Hearing was set for April 1, 2019

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve Resolution 19-02 to discontinue Blue Lake Landing Rd. Roll call vote was taken, with all members of the Town Board voting yes. Motion carried. Note: Public Hearing was set for April 1, 2019

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve Resolution 19-03 to discontinue Buck N Bass Rd.

Chris Webb expressed her concern that discontinuing this road may result in a property owner being land-locked. Clerk Bourassa reported that the property owner contacted her and is opposed to the discontinuance due to it resulting in him being land-locked.

Motion was rescinded and tabled to a later date once the board can do a site visit.

- c) Parks & Rec Committee –
 - 1. Tomahawk Lake Park update- a work party is being scheduled-more to follow. The ski trail is being groomed on a regular basis-status can be found on the “Friends of Tomahawk Lake Park” Facebook page. There is a link on the Town’s website as well.
 - 2. Vatten Paddlar update-new event coordinator is David Delforge. He is looking for someone local to act as a lead for obtaining sponsorships.
- d) Planning Commission-Tom Emerson
 - 1. Barnes Area Historical Association of 52440 Lake Rd – Class A application for a residency in a F-1 zoning district

Motion made (Frint/Porter) to approve the request of BAHA for a residency in a F-1 zoning district. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

- 2. G. Fred Barnes of 3955 & 3965 Lake Rd – Class B application for (after-the-fact) short term rentals

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the request of G. Fred Barnes for a short term rental. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Action Items and Timeline-they were reviewed and updated

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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.