

**MINUTES OF  
THE TOWN OF BARNES  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

(Unapproved)

The Annual Meeting of the Qualified Electors of the Town of Barnes was called to order at 7:02pm. Roll call was taken with Chris Webb, Donna Porter, Julie Bohl, and Tom Emerson present for the town board establishing a quorum. Also present were Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer, Bob Lang, Highway Dept. Foreman, and Tom Renz, Emergency Services Director.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said by all.

**AGENDA**

**STATE OF THE TOWN REPORTS+**

- **Spring Election Results**
- **Discussion of Audit & Treasurer's Report**
- **Annual Report from the Chair**
- **Annual Ambulance and Fire Departments Report**
- **Annual Constable Report**

**TOWNSPEOPLE RESOLUTIONS, if any.**

**Motion made (Tom Renz/Greg Martin) to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of the minutes from the Annual Meeting held April 15, 2014 was called for by Tom Krob.

**Motion made (Tom Renz/Greg martin) to approve the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Spring Election Results:** Brenda Bakke, Clerk Treasurer, read the following local results of the April 7, 2014 Spring Election.

- **Total Voter Turnout: 328 voters (51%)**
- **Outstanding Absentee Ballots: 4**
- **Town Chairperson:**  
Tom Krob: 273      Write-ins: 8    Non-Votes: 47
- **Town Board Supervisors: (Vote for 2)**  
Vern Wilcox: 103      Donna Porter: 217      David B. O'Shaughnessy: 94    Christine Webb: 196  
Write-Ins: 2    Non-Votes: 44
- **Town Constable**  
Mike O'Keefe: 245    Write-Ins: 15    Non-Votes: 68

**2014 Audit Discussion:** Krob explained key audit points and asked for questions. No questions were put forth. Krob called for motion to approve the 2014 Audit.

**Motion made (Lee Weisner/Jim Johnson) to approve the 2014 Audit. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Clerk-Treasurer Bakke presented the 2014 Annual Financial report.

**Motion made (Jim Krook/Rose Baldwin) to approve the 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **State of the Town Reports:**

**ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR FOR 2014** combined the Roads Report and Chairman's Report, and was read by Tom Krob.

#### **ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Another year has passed and much has been accomplished in the Town of Barnes (TOB). I thank the residents for re-electing me to another term and giving me the opportunity to serve my community and the TOB.

At the April 7th election, the voters reelected Donna Porter and Chris Webb. I congratulate Chris and Donna on their reelection and look forward to working with them again during the next two years. I also look forward to working with Julie Bohl and Tom Emerson again in the coming year. And lastly, I would like to congratulate Mike O'Keefe for being reelected as constable.

As I mentioned last year, I would especially like to thank those who keep our town running on a daily basis and those who keep us all safe: Bob Lang-Highway Foreman and Property Manager Town Crew Dave Schiess and Jerry Witt, and plow driver Loren Bohl. Although this winter was not as bad as last year, there are always challenges in plowing and sanding our roads and ensuring our citizens safety. They did a great job and received many compliments.

Tom Renz – Fire Chief and Ambulance Director who puts in countless hours.

Brenda Bakke-Clerk/Treasurer who runs the town office.

Judy Shock who assists in the clerk's office.

The EMT's and Firefighters who have been, and will continue to be, readily available to help us all in our time of need.

And a huge thank you to all of the volunteers on all of our town committees. They contribute countless hours of their free time towards making the Town of Barnes a better place to live!

I would also like to recognize and thank the family of Viola Frierhood for her 47 years of town service on the Barnes Ambulance Department, including ambulance secretary and town clerk for approximately 20 years. She will be deeply missed. I would also like to recognize and thank the family of Linda Nowaczyk for her work on the Barnes Fire Department and collecting aluminum cans to purchase toys and donate them to the Operation Rudolph Program. She is also deeply missed.

I would like to briefly go over a few of the more important projects and events that occurred over the last year.

Outlet Bay Bridge – Was saved from removal and reopened last May. New fencing was added to the bridge rails to make them safer. This was directly due to the efforts of the community coming together to support saving the bridge.

Lake Road Improvements – As mentioned last year, a request was made to the State of WI in the Town Road Discretionary Improvement Program (TRID) to request reimbursement for 50% of the costs of reconstructing 2.1 miles of Lake Rd from Hwy N to the Lake Rd Bridge. The TOB was awarded the funds for a 50/50 split which amounts to \$320,500 of the total estimated \$641,000 project. We hope to pave a wider shoulder for walkers, bikers, etc. The TOB recently hired Morgan & Parmley, LTD., Professional Consulting Engineers for phase one of the project. It is projected that the construction will start the summer of 2016.

Lyndale Bay Road Improvements – A request for state funding for the reconstruction and blacktopping of Lyndale Bay Road was approved last year. 4,000 tons of gravel was used on the reconstruction by the town crew. The road was supposed to be blacktopped last fall but was rescheduled and should be completed by mid-June.

New Office Building – Electors approved the new Town of Barnes Office Building on April 24th, 2014. Construction was started last summer and the building was completed and operational in December 2014. The building is energy efficient and very functional. The old office building was torn down recently by the town crew and new parking and sidewalks will be added. The new deck, steps, and railing were built by Jerry Witt.

The Aquatic Invasive Species Committee - continues to work hard to mitigate the problems of invasive species in our beautiful lakes. I thank them for all of their time and effort over the past year. They have been very successful with a very difficult problem. If anyone would like to chair that committee, please contact me.

The Point-O-Pines Road – The Construction project is nearly completed. The town created an intricate system of ditches and culverts to handle flooding, including two infiltration ponds. It is expected to be completed in the next month or so, depending on the weather.

Tourism Committee (TC) – Will be hosting the Vatten Paddler on July 11th this summer. This is a canoe/kayak race that had happened in the past and is being revived by the TC. We hope this will be an annual event. Many volunteer groups from the TOB will be assisting to make this a successful event. The TC is also working to update our Town Website to make it more user friendly.

Snowmobile Trails - Fortunately we did not have the mandated plowing by the DOT this winter on all town roads. We are adding a new trail up north to replace the use of Halfway Rd over to Delta Rd. This trail should be ready by next winter. On Moore Rd., five miles of snowmobile trails alongside the road were created last June in conjunction with a fire break. Bob Lang, who spent about four weeks in a dozer, along with the town crew using graders and trucks,

completed this huge and difficult project. We will be working with the snowmobile club on a regular basis to help make our trails some of the best in the state.

ATV Trails - During the last year approximately 65% of our ATV trails were reopened on Lyme Timber Company Property. This was a direct result of working with the local ATV club. We are currently in dialogue with Heartwood Forestland Fund in an attempt to purchase with grants and/or swap TOB or county forest lands for Timber Company lands that include the closed ATV trails. The Town Board will work diligently to get the remainder of our ATV trails reopened.

Upper Eau Claire Lake Boat landing was finished by the town crew adding winter access and handicap parking.

Transfer Site: Has a new compactor which has been needed for many years.

Roads: Used about 700 tons of salt and sand this past winter and Bob Lang hopes we won't need anymore! Major brushing on 10 roads. Will be reconstructing Bormann and Schiess Road this season. Received \$10,000 from Bayfield County Forestry Rd Aids which will pay for gravel on Halfway Rd.

Other: Will be utilizing the correction center work program in the next few months for raking and cleaning up the Town Park and Tomahawk Park, repainting the Quonset hut, repainting and replacing boards on ice rink, hand rails/steps in ball park bleachers, and several other projects.

In summary, the Town Board has made a lot of progress in the last year, and I know that this will continue during the next year. Again, I would like to thank all the board members, clerk, and staff for all their hard work and contributions to our community. I would also like to thank the residents and property owners of the Town of Barnes for their continued support and assistance.

Respectively Submitted by Tom Krob, Town Chairperson

**BARNES AMBULANCE & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS FOR 2014** were presented by Tom Renz. Renz also presented the Town with a banner given to Barnes Fire Department by the DNR commemorating the Germann Rd. Fire which occurred in May 2013. Emergency Run Report documents follow at the end of the meeting minutes.

**ANNUAL CONSTABLE REPORT FOR 2014** was read by Tom Krob for Mike O'Keefe, Constable.

**ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CONSTABLE**

Board Members and Residents: I received 88 calls in total during the past year. 16 were from the Sheriff's department (alarms, traffic control, deer hits, etc.). The remainder were mainly for town ordinance related issues (lake related complaints, animal complaints, trespass complaints, Town road violations, special events, etc.)

Total Mileage: 6,800

Total fuel: 300 gallons

Respectfully Submitted by Mike O'Keefe, Constable

### **Townspeople Business, if any:**

Chairman Krob explained what an elector is, who is eligible to vote on motions and resolutions brought forth by the people, and possible voting methods.

**Motion made (Greg Martin/Lee Weisner) to vote by show of hands method. Motion carried unanimously.**

Counters were called for by Tom Krob. Tom Renz and Lee Weisner volunteered to count votes.

### **The People Speak:**

- Jon Harkness – discusses his previous request that the Town of Barnes change our ambulance service.

**Motion made (Jon Harkness/Dale Balousek) that TOB form a citizens committee to study alternatives for providing ambulance services for Barnes. The committee should consider 1) quality and level of care 2) invitation to join with Great Divide Ambulance Service 3) cost and equipment, and a recommendation should then be made to the board. Roll call vote taken with 0 voting yes, and 34 against. Motion failed.**

**Motion made (Jon Harkness/Dale Balousek) the TOB form a citizens committee to study alternatives for providing ambulance services for Barnes. Committee should consider 1) quality and level of care 2) possibility of joining another existing ambulance service 3) cost and equipment. The committee should report not later than November 1, 2015 to the town board. Roll call vote taken with 21 voting yes, and 8 opposed. Motion carried.** This is an advisory motion. The board will review and check into the matter further.

- Craig Harvey asked Tom Renz what he thought about that. Tom Renz spoke explaining what we have found out to date about ambulance service possibilities and expenses the town will still incur with the idea of going with Great Divide Ambulance Service.
- Virginia Harvey talked about her experience being a member of the Barnes ambulance service and also in the southern end of the state. She discussed the time factor of an intercept, and the problem of staffing and the need to get the younger people involved.
- Tom Renz brought up Gold Cross as another ambulance service with paramedics.
- Jon Harkness said he is just suggesting is that a committee be formed to study the possibilities.
- Chris Webb talked about discussions the board has had so far on this issue.
- Tom Krob stated money was put aside in this years' budget towards future ambulance service.
- Rose Baldwin asked if a timeline could be established for this.
- Chris Webb stated it would need to be done by budget time (November 1, 2015) for funding to be established for 2016.
- Tom Renz talked about Viola Frierwood and the years of service she gave the town on the Ambulance Department and Parks Committee.

**Motion made (Tom Renz/Chris Webb) that the town board consider renaming the town park behind the town hall in Viola's Frierwood's memory. Roll call vote taken with 22 voting yes and 8 opposed. Motion carried.** This is an advisory motion. The board will review and check into the matter further.

- Karl Heltne asks if the town is responsible for maintaining the dams.
- Chris Webb explains that sometimes the county will providing some funding for the town to do small things done rather than send a crew.
- Lee Weisner explains that some dams are county owned and some are privately owned like the dam on Upper Eau Claire.

**Motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting was made (Tom Renz/Greg Martin). Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brenda Bakke  
Clerk-Treasurer

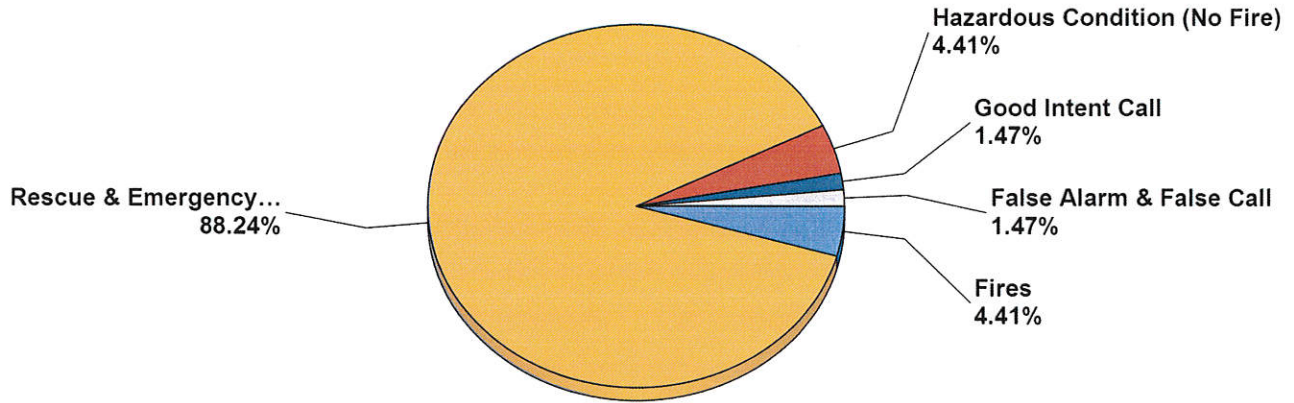
# Barnes Fire Department

Salon Springs, WI

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## Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Start Date: 01/01/2014 | End Date: 12/31/2014



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	3	4.41%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	60	88.24%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3	4.41%
Good Intent Call	1	1.47%
False Alarm & False Call	1	1.47%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Only REVIEWED incidents included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.

### Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	1	1.47%
141 - Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	1.47%
151 - Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	1.47%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1	1.47%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	2	2.94%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	53	77.94%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	1.47%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	2	2.94%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1	1.47%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.47%
444 - Power line down	2	2.94%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1	1.47%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.47%
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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# Barnes Fire Department

Solon Springs WI

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## Incident Type and Street Name for Date Range

Incident Status: Reviewed | Start Date: 01/01/2014 | End Date: 12/31/2014

Incident Date	Address	Incident Type
01/02/2014	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/07/2014	Red Oak Drive, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/08/2014	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
01/12/2014	Point O Pines RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/14/2014	Ellison Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/18/2014	Hwy N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
01/30/2014	S sunset Blvd, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	Dispatched & cancelled en route
02/01/2014	Sunset Blvd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02/15/2014	Boney Lake Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02/20/2014	circle dr ST, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
02/25/2014	County N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/09/2014	ellison lake rd RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/11/2014	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/16/2014	Pease Resort Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/19/2014	Sutfin, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
03/30/2014	Circle Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04/09/2014	Clark Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04/25/2014	Ellison Lake Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
04/26/2014	Ellison Lake Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
05/08/2014	E evergreen drive, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	Building fire
05/21/2014	Island Lake Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
05/25/2014	Rifle Range Road ST, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Forest, woods or wildland fire
06/04/2014	Hwy A and Halfway Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/04/2014	hwy 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Motor vehicle accident with injuries
06/04/2014	CTY HWY N HWY, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/10/2014	River Road RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/12/2014	Hjalmer BLVD, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/15/2014	River rd, Gordon (Town of), WI 54838	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/17/2014	Volker, Highland (Town of), WI 54820	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
06/29/2014	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54837	Power line down
07/01/2014	James Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional
07/01/2014	County Highway N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/04/2014	Bony Lake Road RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Emergency medical service, other
07/04/2014	Barnes Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
07/06/2014	County N, Bayfield (County), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/07/2014	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/09/2014	S State Highway 27, Highland (Town of), WI 54820	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/10/2014	Peninsula Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/11/2014	Lake Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/12/2014	Hwy N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
07/12/2014	Valley Drive, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

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07/19/2014	county rd N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Emergency medical service, other
07/20/2014	Wallman road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/02/2014	Twin Bay Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/09/2014	Sunset BLVD, Solon Springs, WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/15/2014	Hall Road RD, Bayfield (County), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/15/2014	Outlet Bay RD, Bayfield (County), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/21/2014	Buck and Bass Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/22/2014	Pease Resort Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
08/27/2014	Silver Wolf Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09/01/2014	James RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09/21/2014	State HWY 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
09/25/2014	Cranberry Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)
10/01/2014	S.Shore Road RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/04/2014	Bony Lake Road RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/10/2014	Twin Bay road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/10/2014	County Highway N, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Rescue or EMS standby
10/11/2014	Highway 27, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/14/2014	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Power line down
10/28/2014	Martin RD, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
10/31/2014	HWY 27 North of Denver Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.
11/03/2014	Walter Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
11/11/2014	S Evergreen DR, Highland (Town of), WI 54873	Medical assist, assist EMS crew
11/18/2014	Wilderness Court, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
11/27/2014	State Highway 27 HWY, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/07/2014	Walman Rd, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/10/2014	Lake Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury
12/30/2014	Walter Road, Barnes (Town of), WI 54873	EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury

Total incidents: 68

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