

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

UNAPPROVED

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Renz at 7:06pm. Roll Call was established with Seana Frint, Eric Neff, Dave Scully and Jim Frint in attendance at the Town Hall. Roads & Property Foreman Jeff Jordheim was also in attendance. Clerk Bourassa verified public notice.

Motion made (Neff/S.Frint) to approve the Agenda with the change of moving item 5 to item 3. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Chairman Renz wanted to minutes to reflect the board prerogative to move in and out of closed session as needed

Closed Session: As the governing body for the Town of Barnes, the Town Board will entertain a motion to go in and out of Closed Session pursuant to the following:

- a) Wis. Stat § 19.85(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”
- b) Wis. Stat § 19.85(f) “considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.”
- c) State Statute 19.85(g) “Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Skip Durocher, representing Carol LeBreck, addressed the Board regarding her opposition to the removal of 3 pine trees on Bony Lake Road. He said that the Town currently does not have a policy that makes any sense and requested that the Town reevaluate their policy, but grant a variance for the 3 trees.

A motion was made (S.Frint/Scully) to open the floor. Voice vote taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

BJ Skweres of the Highway crew stated he marked the trees in question based on direction from Eric Neff and Chris Webb. Chauncey Bangs stated that some surveys done along Bony Lake Rd show the roadway is 33 feet and that removal is recommended for trees in the 7 to 10 feet range. Carol LeBreck requested that a decision be delayed and a variance considered. Her attorney requested that the board consult with their attorney. Chairman Renz asked Chris Webb if the town formally adopted the policy and she said

that the policy drafted in 2007 followed state statutes and the clerk provided minutes from June 2007 showing the policy was adopted.

A motion was made (J. Frint/Scully) to close the floor. Voice vote taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

A motion (Renz/Scully) to go into closed session at 8:10pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

The board left the Town Hall and met outside.

A motion was made (Renz/Neff) to return to open session at 8:30pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

The chair reported that they discussed the issue with the town attorney and need to abide by Statute 86.04 which requires removal of encroachments and a 30 day notice provided to the property owner to remove the encroachment.

A motion was made (Renz/S. Frint) that the board meet to review this policy for future use. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Scully/S. Frint) to have the 30 day notice per 86.04 served to all the property owners on Bony Lake Rd.

Discussion followed

Seana Frint want it clarified that they can contact the Town Foreman or a tree removal service to have the trees removed prior to the 30 day period. Eric Neff requested that the letter state it is a follow up to the letter sent last fall.

A motion was made (Renz/Neff/) to open the floor. Voice vote taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

Chris Webb stated that sending the letters could delay town projects and that will cost the town more money so it's not in the best interest of the town. Jeff Jordheim said he would begin using a traffic counter so an updated count could be determined.

A motion was made (Renz/Neff) to close the floor. Voice vote taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Scully/S. Frint) to have the 30 day notice per 86.04 served to all the property owners on Bony Lake Rd. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a boom mower. Jeff Jordheim said Lulich wants an answer because they have other towns interested in it. Chairman Renz asked if this is a need or a want and why do we need a new one, Jeff said the current boom mower is at its maximum trade-in value now. He wants to still have 2 mowers so the 2nd mower will not be traded in as the proposal stated. Chairman Renz asked where the funds will come from in the budget. Supervisor Neff said funding could come from the Equipment Outlay account (budget is \$15k) and the Highway Sinking Fund (currently around \$140k).

A motion was made (S.Frint/Neff) to authorize the foreman to go ahead with the purchase of a boom tractor with a trade in, spending up to \$120,000 pending additional discount for cash payment. Roll call vote taken, with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion and updates regarding the proposals for paving of the ESB parking area. This was tabled because Jeff didn't hear back from the paving company.

A motion (S.Frint/J. Frint) to go into closed session at 9:10pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Neff/S.Frint) to return to open session at 9:30pm. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

No action was taken

A discussion regarding the proposals from Paycom and Paylocity for payroll services was tabled pending an updated quote.

A motion was made (Renz/J.Frint) to adjourn. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

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