

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – June 18, 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 roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Tom Emerson, Seana Frint, Donna Porter and Susan Jansen in attendance. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

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

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 05/21/2019 Monthly Board Meeting and the 05/3, 05/17, 5/21 and 05/30/2019 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

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

Guy Johnston spoke regarding the dam on the Upper Eau Claire. He spoke to a gentleman with the DNR who said there is no hazard rating on the dam. The owners have hired an engineer to determine a hazard rating. There should be an emergency action plan in place (this is in process with Bayfield County). There will be an information meeting regarding this at a later date.

Jim Lancour asked if a decision has been made regarding paving on Pine Chip Drive. Eric Polkoski said using recycled blacktop is cost prohibitive (\$30,000 approximately). Jim Lancour said his main concern is with the dust. Chris said the RROW Committee will continue to explore options.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to close the floor for public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence-timber cut notice received; letter from State/FEMA re: Pease Rd flood damage payment. A check for \$10,241.18 will be mailed soon.

Liquor Licenses

Chris Webb requested verification that no notices have been received from WI-DOR regarding past due invoices for the proposed liquor licenses applications. Clerk confirmed there are none.

A motion was made (Porter/Jansen) to approve the renewal licenses for Barnes VFW Post, Traut's Resort, The Windsor, Enchanted Inn, Cedar Lodge Steakhouse & Grille, Barnes Trading Post, P J's Cabin Store, R-C's Decoy Inn, Buck 'n' Bass Resort, KTKG, LLC (dba Robinson Lake Resort and Bar) and Doorn's Inn. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

A motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the renewal license for Jim's Bait LLC. A roll call vote was taken with Supervisor Frint abstaining, all others voting yes.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the original Class B Beer License for Ruckus Works, LLC. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Supervisor Emerson asked if there is an application for liquor license for Ruckus Works, LLC, Clerk Bourassa stated that will be issued by the State.

Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licenses

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve R-C's Decoy Inn, Buck 'n' Bass Resort, Doorn's Inn, Barnes Trading Post and P J's Cabin Store's cigarette and tobacco products licenses. Voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the license for Jim's Bait, LLC. Roll call vote was taken with Supervisor Frint abstaining, all others voting yes.

Operator's Licenses

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the 1 year operator licenses for Brenda Bakke and Cora Liebaert. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the 2 year operator licenses for Angela Arseneau, Cheryl Beshoar, Laura Colby, Lisa DiPlacido, Samara Frelichowski, Nancy Gohde, Julie Hall, Kelly Krivinchuk, Madelyn Krivinchuk, Kevin Murphy, Nadia Nevala, Connie Richards, Colleen Ruhman, Scott Ruhman, Lynn Skandel and Amanda VanDoorn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the 2 year operator license for James Frint. Roll call vote was taken with Supervisor Frint abstaining, all others voting yes.

A resolution to name PJ Foat Jr of Ruckus Works, LLC as a concessionaire for the Ruckus in the Woods event was considered. This is required by the state for a liquor permit. Supervisor Tom Emerson asked about the Town Park Use Agreement (which is an agenda item under Parks & Recreation) so it was moved up on the agenda. Emerson was concerned about the ending time of 11:30pm and Sue Jansen was concerned with the amount of security deposit required (\$100). (see below under Parks & Recreation for motion)

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to approve Resolution 19-05 to name PJ Foat Jr as concessionaire for the Ruckus in the Woods event in the Town Park on August 17th, 2019. Roll call vote was taken, with all voting yes, motion carried.

The CD with Associated Bank is maturing 6/21/19. Clerk Bourassa reported that we can renew the CD in the amount of \$106,547.18 at a rate of 2.00% for a term of 6 months, 2.15% for 12 months or 2.25% for 18 months. Hayward Community Credit Union is offering rates of 0.95% for 6 months, 1.60% for 12 months or 1.85% for 18 months.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to cash the CD with Associated Bank in the amount of \$106,547.18 and deposit the funds in the Money Market Savings account. The Profit & Loss statement and budget will be reviewed later this year to possibly move some funds into another CD. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Suzanne Rooney is offering to teach a Tai Chi class at the Town Hall at no cost to participants. It would be offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9am to 10am in September and October.

A motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to allow use of the Town Hall for a Tai Chi class in September and October at no cost to the teacher or participants. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve May vouchers.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

Treasurer's Report prepared by Clerk Bourassa was displayed for public view.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report

Completion of June Projects:

- Paving of Denver Road will begin next Monday (6/24).
- Built Nip & Tuck park trail. Exercise equipment installation complete.
- Graveled Roy Dick Road.
- Graveled E. Idlewild Road.
- Finished slope work on Moore Road, added topsoil to slopes.
- Fahrner finished the crack sealing project.
- Century Fence completed the painting of our centerlines.
- Hauled salt sand to fill the salt shed.
- Started sand lift for new fire hall.
- Continued grading roads.
- Graveled walk way and completed top soil around building at Tomahawk park.
- Removal of trees and brush on ski trail off of Moore Road completed.

Projects planned for month of July:

- Completion of Denver Road.
- Two passes mowed on all major roads.
- Brush all necessary roads.
- Add gravel to haul route.
- Finish prep work for fire hall.
- Complete signage for ski trail and town park.

The board met in closed session earlier and the motion below is the action taken as a result.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve payment to Eric Polkoski for 400 hours worked as interim foreman at a rate of \$1.50/hr and to increase his pay going forward by \$1.50/hr. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

His 90 day review will be July 11th and his status will be determined at that time.

An estimate to replace the gas pumps and a card reader at a cost of \$26,344.52 was reviewed– this will be considered for the 2020 budget

A request to use golf carts on town roads was discussed. The board reviewed information in the Statutes and determined that golf carts are NOT allowed on town roads and our attorney concurred with that determination.

Monthly BES report for the Fire & Ambulance Departments was given by Tom Renz

Town of Barnes Fire and Ambulance monthly report

06-18-19

7 ambulance calls

1 – Stand by for fire

1 – Mutual aid to Great Divide Town of Drummond

2 – No transport

1 – Transported to St. Luke's

1 – Transported to Essentia Health

1 – Trauma Gordon contacted only 1 EMT available

We re-advertised for EMT positions and we have so far received two applications.

Ambulance was taken to Ashland for a recall and all engine codes had to be reloaded also had it serviced there.

I am asking to be allowed to purchase a new EKG machine. The one we have now was purchased in 2008 and is presently out date, malfunctioning and ZOLL no longer repairs them because there are no parts. I am proposing this with \$7500.00 we presently have reserved in our fundraising account, \$6400.00 from our FAP Account (act 102) and make up the difference from the account established for full time EMT that we have not used yet this year. I would also propose that the fund received by the Ambulance this year be applied back to the Town to replace some of the funds used from the full time EMT account. The need for the EKG is huge and already has been proven to save lives and time by being able to send the EKG to hospital and the Cath Lab being able to be activated.

I am also asking for the Town Boards permission to begin a letter writing campaign for a fundraiser to raise funds to go to new building but also to purchase an Extractor washing machine for the Fire hall. The extractor is for washing Fire and EMS gear to remove all cancer causing chemicals from the gear left there from Fires, Wild land Fire and Car accidents. This is rapidly becoming a big issue in Fire Departments across the nation and allows us to take care of the firefighters that are willing to take care of us for years to come.

The Fire Department has had two calls

1 – Carbon monoxide alarm found to be very high level of carbon monoxide and shut down for repairman to repair

1 – Motorcycle crash on CTH Y at County/ Town Line.

There is Hazmat awareness training going on in Iron River this week and we will have several members attending.

Meeting with contractors at building site happened today and went well, I had several committee members there and one Town board member. Bid opening will be next Tuesday 6:30 pm here at the Hall. After opening are we then going to have a meeting?

Chairperson Webb offered to help write the letter. Discussion followed with regards to the EKG purchase request.

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to authorize the transfer of funds from the EMT wage account to pay the balance needed for the purchase of an EKG machine. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes, motion carried.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to authorize the Fire Chief/Ambulance Director to write a letter to all taxpayers as a fund raiser for the new building and for the purchase of an Extractor washing machine. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The Town's Emergency Responder Leave Policy was reviewed. It is modeled after the County's policy. The board reviewed the policy which was previously approved. It will be distributed to employees as part of the Employee Policy Handbook.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

- a) Parks & Rec Committee-
Discussion regarding the Town Park Use Agreement

A motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the Town Park Use Agreement with the change to 9E, changing the allowed hours for fireworks displays to end by 11pm (not 11:30pm). Roll call vote was taken, with Supervisor Jansen abstaining, motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the security provided at the event (paid for by applicant, not the town).

Tomahawk Lake Park project update-Pat Johnston spoke since she has been spearheading the plantings for the grant. Several Garden Club members have donated native plants. The Highway crew has finished the grading and installed a retaining wall. The ski trail work has been completed. The exterior of the warming hut is nearly completed as well as the interior.

The electrical is complete. Pat expressed concern about signage that is needed for an interpretative trail. Donna and Susan Pagnucci will contact Barb Romstad and Pam Toshner regarding that. Chairperson Webb thanked the Johnstons for all the work they've done at the park.

Consider quote for a new well at Tomahawk Park-no quote was received. It was asked that Eric contact Butterfield regarding the pump to determine if the pump is adequate.

Mowing of the Ski Trail-Donna Porter reported that Marc Lybeck would like the ski trail to be mowed and would be willing to mow it if he could use town equipment. Eric said we don't have the equipment to mow it. It was suggested that the Friends of Tomahawk Park could do a fundraiser to raise money to purchase a mower or an attachment for the skid steer.

b) A.I.S. Committee –

Consider recommendation to appoint Diane Menard to the committee

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the appointment of Diane Menard to the A.I.S. Committee. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The A.I.S. Committee wants to thank Tami Hoff for her efforts organizing the Volunteer Breakfast.

c) Roads & Right of Way Committee –

Discussion of the recommendation that Pease Rd be graded with a 4:1 slope-Supervisor Emerson asked about this after Eric gave his report. Chairperson Webb if the town crew can do some of the work. She also asked for a written estimate to extend the culverts and improve the slope. Eric and the RROW Committee will investigate this further.

d) Transfer Site Committee –

Consider recommendation to replace the sliding doors with overhead doors at a cost of no more than \$7,500. 3 quotes were received previously. Chair Webb suggested we table this to next month and check the expenses again to see if we can fund this purchase.

Discussion regarding quote from Menards to insulate the interior office-none of the walls are insulated and due to construction issues, blown in insulation would be better than using batts. Supervisors Emerson and Jansen will work with the Transfer Site employees to complete this project.

Report on 5/29 committee meeting-Tom reviewed the minutes, Sue Jansen is the new board liaison (replacing Tom Emerson) and Bob Simonsen was elected as chair. The request to add a well at the Transfer Station would require installation of a septic tank and that is cost prohibitive.

Consider recommendation to hire David Hughes as a temporary attendant

A motion was made (Jansen/Porter) to approve the hiring of David Hughes as a substitute attendant at the Transfer Site at a rate of \$12/hr. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

e) Land Use Planning Commission-

Consider recommendation to approve the Jackson/Sorensen/Sorensen LE of 000 Smith Lake Rd application for re-zoning from an R-3 to R-1.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the re-zoning of the property owned by Jackson/Sorensen/Sorensen LE from an R-3 to an R-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Voice vote taken, motion carried

Bill Webb's term on the Commission expired 6/15/19

A motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to extend Bill Webb's term another two years. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

- f) EMS Committee – Guy Johnston reported that two resumes have been received for the fulltime EMT position and the application period is open until July 12th. He and Carl Heltne attended a meeting with Sawyer County to see if they would provide ambulance support. 1 paramedic and a chase car for \$20k or a full ambulance with a paramedic and first responder for \$30k annually. The board instructed Guy to continue discussions with Sawyer County. The Committee would like to draft a letter that the board would sign and send to state representatives and possibly to federal representatives.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to authorize the EMS committee to continue discussions with Sawyer County regarding the two proposals presented tonight. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A motion was made (Frint/Porter) authorize the EMS committee to draft a letter to government agencies regarding EMT shortages especially as it relates to rural areas. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairperson Webb reviewed the action item list and the timeline.

A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

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