

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Tom Renz called the Monthly Town Board Meeting in the Town Hall to order at 6:30PM. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Eric Neff, Dave Scully and Jim Frint in attendance in the Town Hall. Supervisor Seana Frint was absent. Deputy Clerk Tami Hoff verified public notice as the Clerk was absent. Jeff Jordheim, Brett Frierhood and Brock Frierhood were also in attendance in the Town Hall.

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

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the agenda. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Chairman Renz asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/17/2022 Monthly Board Meeting and the minutes of the 5/17/2022 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Motion made (Scully/J. Frint) to approve the minutes of the 5/17/2022 meetings. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Chairman Renz reviewed the Rules of Conduct for the Public Comment Session.

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to adopt a resolution to follow these rules and have copies at meetings for public and for board members. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session – limited to 3 minutes

Chris Neff presented thank-you cards from the 7th and 8th grade LEEP class for the use of Tomahawk Lake Park.

Andy Knutson presented copies of Email he sent to Jeff Jordheim regarding request to consider blacktopping of Twin Bay Road.

Kevin McCormick backed up his request to have Twin Bay Road blacktopped.

Clerk Correspondence – Timber Cutting Notices for 13 parcels owned by Paradise Holding LLC were received; a letter from the Bayfield Co. Administrator was received seeking applicants from Barnes to fill two vacancies on the Board of Adjustment; a letter from the State of WI regarding a pending payment for Managed Forest Law lands which has more than doubled was received; notification of the 2nd payment of the ARPA funds was received (approximately an additional \$40k will be received); an email from Bill Stewart expressing interest in serving on the Comprehensive Plan update committee was received, additional volunteers are requested; a notice of a Public Hearing Special Meeting on June 28th at 5pm of the Bayfield Co. Planning & Zoning Committee was received regarding the request to amend the Code of Ordinances; letter from Anich, Wickman & Lindsey, Attorneys at Law, open records request for any and all audio, video, approved minutes arising from the May 17, 2022 meeting.

Bayfield County Sheriff candidate, Iron River Police Chief Williams, addressed the board.

The title search of the Tomahawk Lake lot was completed by Choice Title and it appears the property still belongs to Perry A. Risberg (not the Town of Barnes). Tom will speak to Register of Deeds about having this property added to the tax roll.

Discussion regarding the possible implementation of a room tax
The clerk will be asked to prepare an ordinance to review at next month's meeting for consideration. Chairman Renz is still checking with the State on a few issues.

Discussion regarding cost sharing in the purchase of software to monitor short term rentals

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve to support the \$300.00 to \$500.00 cost per year to Bayfield County Health Dept. for unlimited access to the software program if the dept. purchases this software platform. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Liquor Licenses

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the renewal licenses for Barnes Trading Post, Barnes VFW Post, Cedar Lodge Steakhouse & Grille, R-C's Decoy Inn, Enchanted Inn, KTKG, LLC (dba Robinson Lake Resort and Bar), Moonbeam Cove, Inc. (dba Crosswinds), PJ's Cabin Store, Ruckus Works, LLC, Tracks Inn, LLC, Traut's Resort and The Windsor. Roll call vote taken, all members voting yes, motion carried.

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

Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licenses

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve Barnes Trading Post, PJ's Cabin Store and R-C's Decoy Inn's applications for cigarette and tobacco products licenses. Roll call vote taken, all members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the license for Jim's Bait, LLC for cigarette and tobacco products license. Roll call vote was taken with Supervisor Jim Frint abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Operator's Licenses

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the 1 year operator licenses for Haley Rasmussen, Alec Schmitz and Breanna Sikorski. A roll call vote taken, all members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the 2 year operator licenses for Mary Bollman, Greg Dalbec, Kim Dalbec, Susan DeBrozzo, Patrick (PJ) Foat, Jr, Michael Frelichowski, Thomas Leamy, Hailey Marshall, Amy Rice, Donald Scheer, Jean Scheer and Sherry Woodliff. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the 2 year operator license for Seana Frint. Roll call vote was taken with Supervisor Jim Frint abstaining, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve May vouchers

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the May vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa (Deputy Clerk Hoff read the report)

The ending balance in the General Checking is \$618,383.48. \$853,759.63 is the ending balance in the Money Market Account which includes donations to the Tomahawk Lake Park fund; \$6,440.56 is ending balance in the Vatten Paddlar Account with additional sponsorship checks and registration fees received. The Tax Collection Account has a balance of \$2,068.40, there are still two refund checks outstanding; the PayPal account has a balance \$5,714.47 (all Vatten Paddlar registration fees) for a total of all funds of \$1,486,366.54 with \$920.96 in interest earned so far this year.

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Dept. Report – Jeff Jordheim

Roads & Property Report

Equipment: 2755 mower is back together and starting in on the ditches

140H transmission has been repaired by Fabick-working as it should, new rear tires have arrived and are on the machine.

Cutting edges: I am working with a new supplier from Hibbing. H & L Mesabi. They are supplying the grader with cutting edges. I will be switching the plow trucks over to H & L Mesabi as well.

The used grader/" new to us' is due to arrive any day now. So, if anyone would like to stop by and give old Bud a hug good bye, he is the salt barn. (140G)

Property: Mowing is ongoing in the parks/Cemetery, boat ramps.

Barnes Town Park is getting set up for the taste of Barnes weekend.

Mulligan Creek Culvert is set to go this month. Please watch for signs saying the road will be closed for a brief time.

Upper lake pier has been moved to the north side of ramp, as requested by the user group.

I have contacted Jim Bakken with the issue of power loading. He was the engineer on that project some years back.

Very useful information from Jim. So, Thanks Jim.

To the user of the upper boat launch; "NO POWER LOADING"

It is damaging the ramp!!!!

Parks: Town Park is ready for the Taste of Barnes. If anyone wants something changed/added please let me know or the clerk.

Motoring Public: Please be aware of the mowing/grading operations ongoing. Please give the workers a BRAKE.

They want to go home at the end of the day.

Motion made (J. Frint/Renz) to open the floor for recommendation. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion on placing orders early for things like tires, blades, etc. items can be backordered up to six months. Suggestion: Be proactive when ordering.

Motion made (Scully/Neff) to close the floor. Voice vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Discussion of landscaping at the Emergency Services Building

There are areas that are hard to plow and mow that would be beneficial to have landscaped. Go ahead with area around building. Table other area until budget hearings.

Consider price increases at the Transfer Site

Discussion on getting a baler for cardboard, this will save on tonnage expenses with Republic. Paying \$300.00 to \$400.00 per bale depending on size of bales. Discussion on raising prices on recycled items (chairs, couches, mattresses, carpeting, propane tanks, tires, electrical appliances, grills, mowers, and bicycles going up \$2.00 to \$5.00 each. See Barnes website for updated prices and handout will be available at the Transfer Site.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the new fees, effective July 1st. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Monthly report Fire

Fire Report – May

4 calls since last meeting, 1 search for missing person, 1 vehicle incident. 1 false alarm, 1 wildland fire.

Applying for the Forest Fire Protection grant through the DNR. Open House was successful, received several comments saying how great it was. Looking into hosting an Open House more frequently. 4th of July fundraiser coming up.

Monthly report Ambulance

Ambulance Report - May

6 calls since last meeting, with a total of 34 for the year.

The open house was a huge success and we received multiple suggestions of holding a similar event next year. Additional upcoming events include the Taste of Barnes, 4th of July, and Vatten Paddlar.

Notice has been received from Bayfield County that the Health Infrastructure Grant application has been approved which will assist in the funding the tennis court resurfacing. A CPR Savers grant for AEDs was applied for, however it is not available as originally announced and would only result in a slight discount when purchasing. A \$1,000 Aliant Energy grant has been identified and potential uses of it are currently being considered.

The State of Wisconsin FAP application was successfully completed in May with the expectation of awards being sent out in August. With the increased funding to the program we are anticipating a substantially larger award this year. The Flex grant has recently been announced and the application is being worked on with a due date of July 11th.

The Bayfield County EMS Study Committee is preparing the Final Report to be presented to the County Board with the next meeting scheduled for June 20th. The EMS Council is in the final stages of reviewing protocols with a move to a slightly modified version of the State protocols anticipated in the next month or two. This change will not only update our protocols, but provide guidance on new items in our expanded scope of practice. The full-time EMTs have been assisting the Fire Department with arranging for installation of hard of hearing smoke detectors in residences within the community.

Bayfield County is implementing a new paging policy to reduce the amount of incidents that ambulances are called to when not needed. For incidents outside of a defined list that require ambulance response the fire departments would need to request EMS if needed. The new policy has been reviewed by both the Fire Association, EMS Council, and Sheriff's Department with much support.

Consider EMS membership application of Payton Zepczyk

Membership approved providing he cannot work in a hot zone due to being a minor.

Motion made (Scully/J. Frint) to approve the application of Payton Zepczyk. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

Land Use Planning Commission: Seana Frint

1. Peter & Kelly Thompson of 3557 Twin Bay Rd-Class A Special Use application for a Short Term Rental

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the Short Term Rental application of Peter & Kelly Thompson. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

2. Kelby & Whitney Sundquist of 55945 Island Dr-Short Term Rental

Motion made (Renz/Scully) to approve the Short Term Rental application of Kelby & Whitney Sundquist. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A.I.S. Committee – Eric Neff –

BAISS boat has had good but windy weather. In use 9 hrs. /day, 4 days/week. Curly Leaf Pond found in Upper. Power loading problems reported by boat landing monitors. Create an emergency order ordinance to ban power loading boats. Call Tom and he will enforce it. Have ready for board to approve at next meeting.

Parks & Rec Committee –

Swimming dock is broke and will not be going back in the water at this time. Table discussion of new dock. \$5,000.00 grant money could be used for 30x32 concrete slab for storage shed. Cost estimate \$6,700.00. Discussion to start getting bids for the project. Logging being done close to trails at Tomahawk Lake Park. Alert trail users to use caution with a post on TOB website.

Roads & Right Of Way Committee: Jim Frint

Jim went over minutes of 6/7/2022 RROW meeting. No recommendations were made to the board.

Cemetery Committee – Dave Schiess

The Cemetery requests the appointment of two new members to the Committee, Tami Hoff and Sandra Schiess.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to approve the appointments of Tami Hoff and Sandra Schiess. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Board reviewed the burial price increase recommended by the Cemetery Committee. Grave opening from \$300.00 to \$500.00, winter grave opening from \$600.00 to \$1200.00, Cremation opening from \$100.00 to \$200.00, winter cremation opening from \$100.00 to \$300.00.

Motion made (Renz/J. Frint) to increase the burial prices, effective 7/1/2022. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairman Renz reviewed the Timeline. Request to remove Taste of Barnes. The clerk will update as requested.

Motion made (Renz/J. Frint) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

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