

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

Thursday July 7, 2022

UNAPPROVED

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Tom Renz at 6:30pm. Roll Call was taken with Supervisors Jim Frint, Eric Neff, Seana Frint and Dave Scully present. Clerk Judy Bourassa verified public notice. Roads and Property Foreman Jeff Jordheim was also present as was Melissa Scully.

Motion made (Neff/Scully) to approve the Agenda, amending it to move item #6 to item #3. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Melissa Scully addressed the board regarding the recent Taste of Barnes event. She provided the board with a summary of expenses and income, spending \$4,393 with income of \$3,164 (the Town donated \$1,000 as “seed money” in addition). The expenses included the cost of t-shirts and hats which Melissa paid with a personal check. The Taste of Barnes would like to donate \$500 to the EMS and \$500 to the Parks & Rec Department. She thanked Dave Scully and Tom Renz for volunteering in the Dunk Tank. Supervisor Neff and Chairman Renz said the seed money need to be returned to the Town before any donations can be distributed but that Melissa Scully needs to be “made whole”. The board heard only positive comments on the event and told Melissa she did a great job. Melissa said they’d like to expand the event next year on the same weekend (Father’s Day weekend) with a 5k run at Tomahawk Lake Park and a bigger band (only one night, possibly). They will also charge a \$30 fee for crafter booths.

Motion made (Renz/Neff) to reimburse Melissa Scully \$3,337 for event expenses. Roll call taken with all members voting yes and Supervisor Scully abstaining, motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding potentially purchasing a cardboard baler for the Transfer Site. A new baler would cost approximately \$20,000, a used unit price is unknown at this time. The Foreman doesn’t recommend purchasing a new baler, try to find a used unit. Cardboard makes up the majority of recycling and there is a market for baled cardboard. Supervisor Neff suggested that the Solon Springs facility be inspected to see how their operation works. Iron River also has a baler so the Foreman will reach out to them. Another option might be an auger. Supervisor Seana Frint said the numbers will be higher with businesses dropping off cardboard also. The board will investigate further and this will be addressed at a future meeting.

The clerk reported that the cost of purchasing pre-printed garbage bags (to be used for the annual spring clean-up) would be approximately \$1,600 (minimum order is 3,500). After some discussion, the board decided not to order bags that are pre-printed but will provide colored bags that will be available at various sites (Transfer Site, Town Office, Jim’s Bait) that people can get to use for the annual clean-up.

A Comprehensive Plan Update Committee is being formed to update the Town's plan and is looking for volunteers. The clerk has received emails from 3 interested parties and suggested to the board that members of the Land Use Planning Commission should be contacted to request their participation. Supervisor Neff asked if Lee Wiesner and Diane Rupnow could be contacted since they served on the committee previously and would provide necessary background. Chairman Renz will contact Lee and Diane and asked each of the board members to find a candidate for the committee. This will be a July board meeting agenda item.

Chairman Renz led a discussion on the use of water balloons at the 4th of July parade. Float riders are informed that they are not allowed but people attending the parade have not necessarily been advised that they are prohibited. They are prohibited not only due to the debris they leave behind, but also for safety reasons. People threw frozen water balloons at this year's parade that caused injuries so **Chairman Renz would like anyone who knows who was throwing them to contact him.** There is a dry zone from the Town Park to Barnes Road for those who prefer not to get wet.

The clerk/treasurer's job description/duties were reviewed and compensation discussed so the job can be posted and applications submitted for consideration. The clerk will make the changes as requested and have prepared for the next board meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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