

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday – January 19, 2016
at 6:30PM in the Barnes Town Hall**

(UNAPPROVED)

At 6:33pm the Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Krob. Roll call was taken with Board Supervisors Christine Webb, Donna Porter, Julie Bohl, and Tom Emerson present to establish a quorum. Also present were Bob Lang, Roads and Property Foreman; Tom Renz, Fire Chief and Ambulance Director; Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer; and Tammy Davis, Office Assistant. Bakke verified public notice. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then said by all.

Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 12/15/2015 Monthly Board Meeting, 12/18/2015 Special Board Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Lee Wiesner – Gerald Gustafson has told the AIS Committee for the last 3 yrs. he does not want to do the recording of the boat monitor and volunteer hours. Barb Romstad has expressed interest in taking this over. Chris Webb stated that Judy Bourassa has also said she would be interested in volunteering for this. It was agreed to put this on the February agenda for further discussion.

Advertising in the Barnes Blog –

Chris Webb – stated she does not think we should put meeting minutes in the Blog. Minutes are put on the website and we should continue to push for people to go to our website.

Tom Emerson states not everyone has the internet at home.

Krob says the Blog will run town related activities for us as part of the fee.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) that we pay \$275 to advertise in the Blog for a year and give it a try. Roll call vote taken with Webb and Bohl voting No; and Emerson, Porter, and Krob voting Yes. Motion carried.

Vouchers Approval –

Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to approve the December vouchers. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke

Treasurer's Report

December Treasurer's Reports –

Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the December Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

2015 Budget and Final Expense Totals –

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) to table discussion of the final 2015 expenses verses budget. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence

Change of February Board Meeting date due to the Spring Primary Election –

Motion made (Krob/Webb) we change the February Monthly Board Meeting date to Tuesday, February 9th due to the Spring Primary Election. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Forestry Cutting Notices were made available at the Town Hall entrance for public review

TOB Department Head Reports:

Highway Department – The Monthly Roads Report was presented by Bob Lang.

Discontinuance of a portion of Wallman Rd. –

Krob read Resolution 16-02:

**TO INITIATE THE PROCESS TO DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF
WALLMAN ROAD**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Barnes, in Bayfield County, Wisconsin, by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting at its regular meeting held the 19th day of January, 2016 and proper notice having been given, the following:

The process under Chapter 82, Wis. Stats. to discontinue a highway in the town described as follows is hereby initiated: .13 miles of gravel road lying in Government Lot 10 of Section 4, Township 44 North, Range 9 West in Bayfield County, Wisconsin.

A scale map of the land that will be affected by this application is attached.

Motion (Emerson/Webb) to accept Resolution 16-02 as stated. Roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion passes for the acceptance of Resolution 16-02.

Discontinuance of Kelsey Rd. –

Krob read Resolution 16-01:

TO INITIATE PROCESS FOR DISCONTINUING KELSEY ROAD

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of Barnes, in Bayfield County, Wisconsin, by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting at its regular meeting held the 19th day of January, 2016 and proper notice having been given, the following:

The process under Chapter 82, Wis. Stats. to discontinue a highway in the town described as follows is hereby initiated: .21 miles of sand road lying in Government Lot 9 of Section 4, Township 44 North, Range 9 West in Bayfield County, Wisconsin.

A scale map of the land that will be affected by this application is attached.

Motion (Webb/Bohl) that we begin to initiate the process for discontinuing Kelsey Rd. Roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion passes for acceptance of Resolution 16-01.

Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly Reports were presented by Tom Renz.

Monthly Report from Constable Mike O'Keefe was presented by Tom Krob.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

Parks & Recreation Committee – Donna Porter/ Tom Krob

Dancing in the Town Hall –

Porter explains that the Parks & Recreation Committee requests Jill Karlsson be allowed to provide old time (group dancing, polkas, waltzes, etc.) dance lesson instruction in the Barnes Town Hall. Dates planned are February 13 and 20, March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 16 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to give Parks & Recreation approval to use the Town Hall for dance classes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

New Town Park and Tomahawk Park signs –

Porter states the purchase of the signs was approved at a previous Board meeting. Emerson describes how the signs will be constructed. Costs should be about \$100.

Grant request for new ski trail and upgrades in Tomahawk Park –

Krob explains we are hoping to get a DNR grant to make improvements to the trails system and make additional trails. Improvement would include an additional 3K of trails giving us a 10K trail, and an updated warming house that we could store the grooming equipment in. Other items that may be included are grooming equipment. The trails would be multi-use for skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, and biking.

Motion (Webb/Emerson) we continue to go forward with the grant request to improve the recreational trails. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Grant request for land purchase –

Krob explains the goal we are trying to achieve is to connect the Town Park to Tomahawk Park by trails. One parcel of land we need to purchase to do this is owned by Heartwood, and Heartwood requires we make an offer for the property. They will not set a price. Lyme just put up the additional land parcels for sale we would need to accomplish this.

Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) we continue with the grant request to obtain 40 acres behind the town property. Voice vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Transfer Site Committee – Tom Emerson

Advertising with the Solon Springs Athletic Program –

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to deny the request from All American Publishing for advertising. Voice vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Town Hall Use Agreement – fee clarification –

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) we update the Town Hall Use Agreement with the key drop location and agreed upon exclusions for charges. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Town website updates –

The Board discussed improvements for the Town website proposed by Gene Miller, our current website provider.

Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to proceed with the proposed improvement to the town website using Gene Miller and Web On The Fly. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Follow-up from last month's meeting -

Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Brenda Bakke
Clerk-Treasurer