

**TOWN OF BARNES**  
**MINUTES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday – January 20, 2015**

7:30PM the Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to order by Tom Krob, Town Chair. Roll call was taken with Chris Webb, Donna Porter, Julie Bohl and Tom Emerson all present for the Town Board establishing a quorum. Also present were Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer, Bob Lang, Highway Dept. Foreman, and Tom Renz Emergency Services Director. Bakke verified the posting of public notice. The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.

**Motion made (Webb/Porter) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 12/16/2014 and 12/18/2014 Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

There were no comments from the public during the public comment session.

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to approve the December vouchers. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Bakke presented the December Treasurer's report.

**Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) to approve the December Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

2014 Budget vs. Actual Expense numbers were given to the Board along with the new building construction expense and funding numbers. Final 2014 expenses and budget will be discussed at the Board Meeting planned for Tuesday, January 27, 2015 and any budget adjustments necessary will be made at that time.

Bakke made a request for approval to purchase a lateral two drawer file cabinet for the Clerk-Treasurer office. After discussion of pricing of lateral file cabinets, it was determined they are too expensive, but a vertical file cabinet could be approved.

**Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the purchase of a two drawer vertical file cabinet for the Clerk-Treasurer office. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Bakke announced the Public Hearing scheduled 02-17-2015 at 6:00pm regarding Resolution# 2014-1, a recreational amendment to the Land Use Plan allowing changes and improvements to our parks to improve tourism and utilize Barnes' resources. Krob expands that the Land Use Plan change will enable the town to be eligible to obtain grants for park improvements and trails development in the Barnes area.

Bob Lang read the Monthly Roads Report.

Lang brought up a problem with the sewer line for the new office freezing today causing some back up in the new building and suggests we will need a pump system (approx. \$100) there to prevent recurrence. The Board agreed and Lang will call a service representative.

Tom Renz read the Monthly Ambulance and Fire Department Report.

Renz requests approval for addition of new firefighter, Zachary Peterson. Peterson is a trained, experienced firefighter.

**Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the application of Zachary Peterson for a position as a Barnes Firefighter. Roll call vote take with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

There is no report from Constable Mike O’Keefe today due to technical difficulties with his computer. O’Keefe said he would send his report tomorrow.

Julie Bohl requests the addition of Mike Tremblay as a new Tourism Committee member. Tremblay is an active committee member and is involved in the movement to try to get the closed motorized recreational trails re-opened in Barnes.

**Motion made (Webb/Porter) to approve Mike Tremblay as a Tourism Committee member. Roll call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Bohl discusses expenses the Tourism Committee wants to go forward with, i.e.: Chamber of Commerce membership dues expenses. Webb states the Tourism Committee has budgeted funds to spend this money, but that the Board should be made aware of monies spent.

Tom Emerson states the new compactor for the Transfer Site has been ordered. The old compactor has already been removed in preparation for the arrival of the new compactor this spring.

Gene Ratzel is still researching security systems.

Committee expenses were discussed to clarify a threshold necessitating Town Board approval for expenditures. Webb states capital purchases of \$1,500 or more need to be requested thru the Board. Renz confirms that the PO’s state same.

The emergency radio is currently in old town office. Webb and Porter explained the use of the emergency radio historically and today. Renz discussed the need for emergency radio operations at a specific emergency use site such as the Town Hall. Renz recommends the emergency radio from the old office be installed in the Town Hall. A future purchase of a radio for Clerk’s Office is planned.

**Motion made (Porter/Webb) to move radio from the old town office to the Town Hall. Roll call vote is taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

The Town has an old television in the Town Hall and two old office computers to dispose of. Krob discusses taking the hard drives out of the two old computers and storing them in case we would want to view them at some point. Ratzel confirms the old computers are worthless without the hard drive.

**Motion made (Webb/Porter) to dispose of the old television and two old computers. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Last Month’s Meeting Follow-up –

Town Board Issues Timeline Log – It was agreed to remove old outdated items from the Town Board Issues Timeline.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Brenda K. Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer