

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

**Tuesday – February 9, 2016
at 6:30PM in the Barnes Town Hall**

(Unapproved)

At 6:30PM Chairman Tom Krob called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order. Roll call was taken with Town Supervisors Christine Webb, Donna Porter, and Julie Bohl present establishing a quorum. Also present was Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer who verified public notice. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then said by all. Tom Emerson notified the Board he would be late and reported at 7:30pm.

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 01/19/2016 Monthly Board Meeting and 01/19/2016 Special Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session –
No comments from the public were brought forth.

Vouchers Approval –
Motion made (Porter/Webb) to approve the January vouchers. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke
Treasurer's Report**

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

Moving retained designated funds from the 2015 Budget will be discussed at the March Monthly Board Meeting.

Proposed 2016 payroll schedule –
Motion made (Bohl/Porter) that we accept the new 2016 proposed Payroll Schedule. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence

Bakke reminded everyone of the upcoming Spring Primary Election on February 16. The Polls are open from 7:00am until 8:00pm.

TOB Department Head Reports:

Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report
The Roads Report was presented by Tom Krob in Bob Lang's absence.

Discontinuance of a Portion of Fahrner Rd. –

Tom Krob turned the meeting over to Christine Webb to chair while taking the position of private citizen during discussion of discontinuing a portion of Fahrner Rd. Webb presented documents submitted for consideration of discontinuance. Krob presented the detail of erosion problems at the site with photos and maps.

Dan Stein, Roads & Right of Way Committee - reported that the committee has viewed the proposed area for discontinuance and is in agreement with the request including the proposed plan for erosion control. A turnaround for road maintenance equipment will be able to be created.

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) the Town initiate the process to discontinue a portion of Fahrner Rd. as requested. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Porter-yes; Bohl-yes; Webb-yes. Krob abstained from the vote. Emerson was not present during discussion and presentation, and did not participate in the vote.

Webb then turned the meeting back over to Chairman Krob.

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

Approval of new members – Request was made by Tom Renz for approval of new firefighters who were successful in the recent firefighter training.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) to approve new firefighters Mitch McGee, Levi Frint, Josh Peterson, and Jerry Cheselski. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Constable Mike O’Keefe was out of town and no Constable’s Report was presented at this time.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

AIS Committee – Lee Wiesner

The AIS Committee requests an appointment of a new member to participate and function as Boat Landing Monitor and Volunteer recorder.

Motion made (Webb/Bohl) to appoint Barb Romstad to the AIS Committee. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Emergency Medical Services Committee – Guy Johnston

Updates were provided on the EMS Committee’s progress. 5 of 7 surveys from other EMS groups have been received. Data is being gathered and discussion of presentation methods is being discussed. The committee’s goal is to report to the Board in May prior to the summer.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Donna Porter & Tom Krob

Consider hiring Ski Trail Consultant -

Porter discussed changes that would be needed to widen trails for skate skiing, hiking and biking. Krob reported he met with Scott Wilson, a consultant from Hayward, who came out and skied our trails prior to being hired and gave his comments and recommendations on what we can do to improve these trails. Cost would be approximately \$1,000 (40 hrs. @ \$25/hr.) for his services. Grant funds may cover a portion of the trail improvements and hopefully some new grooming equipment.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) that we contract with Scott Wilson to make improvements to the ski trails.

Discussion ensued regarding Wilson's services and the need to knowing exactly what we are contracting to have him do. Krob stated Wilson would be working under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Krob called for an amendment to the first motion.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) to amend the original motion to read that we enter into a contract with Scott Wilson to make improvements to the Ski Trail with the scope of the services he is to provide clearly defined. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Roads & Right of Way Committee –

Lake Rd. – possible recommendation with discussion and possible action

Krob explained what progress the Roads & Right of Way Committee and engineering firm has made towards the Lake Rd. project including costs for 11' driving surfaces and 4' shoulders with 3' of the shoulders being paved. Dan Stein stated we will not know the actual costs until we get into the bid phase. Webb questions if there may be acquisition issues. Stein states until we have the final design we won't know for sure. There is a possibility we may be spending the \$66,000 and not have the project go through. Krob mentioned that engineering work completed can be used even if we do the project in-house.

Tom Emerson arrived at this time.

Motion made (Krob/Porter) we continue going with the engineering firm, Morgan and Parmley, for the Lake Rd. project to complete phase 3 and 4 including 11 ft. driving lanes and 4 ft. shoulders. Roll call vote taken as follows: Porter-yes; Bohl-yes; Emerson-yes; Webb-yes; Krob-yes. Motion carried.

FSET Program –

The Board discussed possible work stating that during the winter there is not a lot of work available. This is an issue that could be re-visited next spring. The FSET Program is looking for work possibilities with other businesses also.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) that we partner with the FSET Program and tell them that we may have some things for them to do in the summer. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Follow-up from last month's meeting –

Confirmation of time for Public Hearing for roads discontinuations-

Clarification was made that we will hold the Public Hearing at 6:00pm on March 29th prior to the Monthly Board Meeting. Krob reminds Board members to visit the discontinued road sites.

Adjourn -

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer