

# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING Tuesday, March 20, 2018 UNAPPROVED**

The Special Town Board Meeting in the Town Hall was called to Order by Chairperson Chris Webb at 5:50pm with the entire board in attendance and the Quorum was established at the earlier meeting. Members of the Emergency Services Commission were also in attendance. Clerk Bourassa verified notice.

*A motion was made (Frint/Desrosiers) to approve the Agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Open discussion with members of the Emergency Services Commission

Guy Johnston said the committee is looking to the board for direction as to the objectives for the committee. Ambulance Director Tom Renz addressed concerns regarding the availability of personnel to respond to calls. He said we have personnel interested in taking the First Responder class but need a class closer to the Town of Barnes. There have been some rule changes that will benefit the town in regard to recruiting. He will present a proposed agreement with Sawyer County at the Town Board Meeting this evening that he hopes the board will approve that would be the first step towards ensuring the timely response of personnel. He suggested that members of the committee attend EMS County meetings and/or meet with a County representative and possibly look into merging with Sawyer County or Gordon/Wascott services. Another consideration would be to hire a full time EMT (Monday-Friday) who has other duties. Chairperson Webb said the board is contemplating building a new fire hall that would include overnight accommodations which would help with recruitment.

*A motion was made (Frint/Desrosiersw) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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