

TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – March 29, 2016
at 6:30PM in the Barnes Town Hall

(UNAPPROVED)

At 6:32PM Chairman Krob called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order. Roll call was taken with Town Supervisors Christine Webb, Donna Porter, Julie Bohl and Tom Emerson present establishing a quorum. Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer, Bob Lang, Roads Dept. Foreman, and Tom Renz, Ambulance Director and Fire Chief were also present. Bakke verified public notice.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was then said by all.

Approval of the agenda –

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 02/09/2016 Monthly Board Meeting, 02/04/2016 Special Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Alan Schiefelbein, insurance agent for the Town, thanked the Town of Barnes for continuing our insurance contract with Rural Insurance.

Vouchers Approval –

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke

Treasurer's Report

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

Motion made (Webb/Bohl) to move the designated funds retained from 2015 Budget as amended. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence

Ordinance for approval of temporary Operator Licenses –

The Board discussed the details of the Ordinance allowing the Town Clerk or Chairperson to issue provisional Operator Licenses for a period of 60 days. A fee of \$5.00 for a Temporary or Provisional Operator license was agreed upon.

Motion (Emerson/Bohl) to approve Chapter 10, Section 20 Ordinance for issuing Provisional Operator Licenses. Roll call vote taken with Krob, Webb, Porter, Bohl and Emerson voting yes. Motion carried.

Bakke gives a reminder of upcoming April meeting dates of April 19 for the Annual Meeting of the Electors and April 26 for the Monthly Board Meeting.

First meeting of the Board of Review –

The Board of Review will initially meet briefly this year and will reconvene late this summer. Due to the revaluation currently underway the new assessment roll is predicted not to be ready until late July or August. Meeting dates will be posted when they can be determined.

Motion made (Webb/porter) to hold the first meeting of the Board of Review May 16 at 6:30pm immediately preceding the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Timber Cutting Notices –

There was one timber cutting notice for Barnes.

Extend employment term for the Office of Clerk-Treasurer

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) that the current employment term for the Clerk-Treasurer be extended until April 30, 2016. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

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

March Road Report

Winter is still hanging on with more snow expected this Thursday. Plowing this time of year is challenging because of the soft ground. We try to plow more during daylight hours so we can see if we are causing damage to the roads. This means slower speeds and longer snow removal times.

We put down approximately 750 tons of salt sand this season. Our shed is just about empty, but we have plenty of sand piled up out back if we need more. It's usually warm enough this time of year that we can get by without the salt.

The warm weather we were seeing in late February and the beginning of March required our seasonal weight limits to be put on about a week earlier than normal. Hopefully we will be able to remove them earlier than normal also.

Our northern sand roads are plowed and open with multiple logging jobs already in progress. The fact that we are able to accommodate logging traffic this time of year puts us in good favor with the loggers and our County Officials. I applied for and received a grant for \$10, 918.00 from the Bayfield County Road Aids Program. We received almost \$2,000 more than any other grant applicant in the County.

Our two priority construction projects this year are Smart Road and Wallman Road. We were able to get the trees removed in late February and all of the brush hauled away before the road bans went on. This will give us a substantial head start on our summer schedule. I have already met with engineers from Norvado and Dahlberg to get utility poles and pedestals relocated

where necessary. That work will begin as soon as seasonal weight limits are removed. If things go well, we may be able to tackle Sweet Lake Road this season also.

After heavy rains last year washed out the road to the brush pit multiple times, we decided to build a new road in a better and higher location. Construction is well underway. The new road will enter directly across from the road into the transfer site. This will improve visibility when exiting the road onto County Highway N and make monitoring traffic in and out of the pit much easier for the transfer site staff.

I have been working on Discontinuances for Kelsey Road, a portion of Wallman Road, and a portion of Fahrner Road. The paperwork is submitted to all appropriate agencies and the adjoining land owners, along with numerous phone calls and quite a few site visits. I have had multiple communications with the Wisconsin Towns Association about a few legal questions that were raised, and I believe we are ready to move forward with the Public Hearing on April 7th.

We took the time to do some major service work on the Brusher this winter including a complete rebuild of the brusher head. We will continue our program of road side mowing and rotational major brushing as time allows.

The inmates from the Gordon Correctional Facility will be helping us with our spring raking at the parks and the cemetery. We have them scheduled for the week of April 18th. The parks will be closed while the inmates are present.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lang
Road and Property Foreman

Chairman Krob then turned the meeting over to Supervisor Webb due to a possible conflict of interest.

Road discontinuances update –

Lang briefly discussed contacts that property owners had made to him regarding the proposed road discontinuances and partial discontinuances.

The public hearing for road closures is 5:00pm on April 7th.

Supervisor Webb reminded Board members to visit closure sites and to know the road sites affected by the closures.

Supervisor Webb then turned the meeting back to Chairman Krob.

Fire & Ambulance Departments –

The following Monthly BES Reports were presented by Tom Renz.

Town of Barnes Fire and Ambulance Monthly Report

03-15-16

Since the last meeting the Ambulance has had 5 calls

1 –no transport

1 – Hayward
3 –Essentia Health

The Fire Department has had no calls

Entry level class is going well and almost to the end. We have five personnel completing the class. I have had to purchase four sets of new fire gear as others are either outdate or do not fit.

I will be sending letter out to the places that have not passed their fire inspections giving them another twenty days to complete them or further legal action will be taken.

The Fire Department Audit was conducted by Rick Sommerfelt of Department of Commerce.

Inspection was of Fire runs, training records and inspections. No issues were noted. Chairman Krob should be receiving a letter of the same.

The entry level fire class has wrapped up and all five new members passed with certification. During the class we have had one of the newer air packs that I had to take out of service as the regulator is not functioning right, I have had one new air mask that also had the heads up display broke off.

The older mask on the older air packs also broke. On this older one it is a quarter turn mask and no longer repairable because they are out dated and parts are very rare. We have three of these type that I worked out a donation to this department of those packs ten years ago so we did not have to purchase new ones. I would like on the agenda for next month to purchase three new air packs to replace the three older ones.

Thanks

EMT wage change and pay for on-call hours –

Renz requested to table this item until after the EMS Committee makes their recommendations to the Town Board.

Motion made (Webb/Bohl) that discussion of EMT wage change and pay for on-call hours for EMT's be tabled until the May 17th Board Meeting.

Constable –

The Monthly Report from Constable Mike O'Keefe was presented by Tom Krob as follows:

(1) Alarm from alarm company.....(1) domestic disturbance : assist sheriff : Hwy 27.....(1) assist motorist : Hwy 27 during recent snowstorm(13) Weekly property checks for out of town residents.....(1) escort st paddy's day parade.....end report.....OKeefe

Committee and Commission Reports:

Emergency Medical Services Committee – Guy Johnston

Guy Johnston discussed how the EMS Committee is planning to do their presentation to the Town Board and town people. The first presentation by the committee will be to the Ambulance Dept.

to present their findings etc. to them. Krob commended the committee for their efforts in this project.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Tomahawk Park Grant –

Krob gave an update including an explanation of the grant application, the features that are being considered, and how the grant works including ideas of what we can do to attract more funds from Bayfield County and the WI Dept. of Natural Resources.

Resolution for Outdoor Recreational Aids –

Motion made (Krob/Emerson) that we approve Resolution 16-04 for the Outdoor Recreation aids with an amendment to the Resolution. Roll Call vote with Krob, Webb, Porter, Bohl and Emerson voting yes. Motion carried.

Recreational Use Permit for Tomahawk Park –

Jason Bodine, Bayfield County Forestry, discovered a recreational use permit had not been signed previously for the Town of Barnes for Tomahawk Lake Trails in which the town uses Bayfield County land that lies within the Town of Barnes.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) to authorize Chairman Krob to sign the recreational use permit for the town of Barnes. Roll call vote taken with Krob, Webb, Porter, Bohl and Emerson voting yes. Motion carried.

Land Acquisition Grant –

Outdoor Recreation Plan –

Krob explained the process that goes into writing an Outdoor Recreation Plan and that he feels we probably will not be able to complete this task by May 1st. Plans are usually written by larger municipalities. Porter stated she felt it would be possible to complete this, but timing may require a special meeting. Krob stated it will also have to be submitted to Ed Slaminski of the Spooner Dept. of Natural Resources office. The ORP is necessary for the land acquisition.

Land Acquisition adjacent to Town Park -

Krob explained where the land is located and stated that it would be a great addition to the town park in which walking trails could be added, and other outdoor recreational activities such as Frisbee golf. It would also allow reopening of ATV/UTV trails previously closed, and perhaps even an extension of the trails to Tomahawk Park someday.

Motion made (Bohl/Porter) we proceed with the land acquisition for the land next to the Town Park. Roll call vote taken with Krob, Webb, Porter, Bohl and Emerson voting yes. Motion carried.

Tourism Committee -

Recommendation for new committee members –

Dana Hodowanic has resigned leaving two openings on the Tourism Committee. The committee recommends Susan Pagnucci and Seana Frint as regular members, and Justin Christenson as an alternate.

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) motion that we assign Susan Pagnucci and Seana Frint to the tourism committee, and Justin Christenson as an alternate member. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Transfer Site – Tom Emerson

Seasonal hours of operation at the Transfer Site change effective April 1 to be open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. The Transfer Site is open 8:00AM – 2:00PM each day.

Krob suggested we add something to the website to clarify which holidays the Transfer Site is closed. Bakke suggests we add language with the specific holidays the Transfer Site will be closed. This information will be added to the website calendar also.

BAHA – Recycling Fee Donation –

Krob explained that BAHA has acquired construction debris with the remodeling of the new museum and the expense to get rid of it at the Transfer Site is \$120.00. Krob suggested the Town take the debris at no charge to BAHA. Other Board members disagreed with this request on the basis that doing this for BAHA would create a precedence in respect to the other community organizations. Webb said we should be able to get community donations to cover the expense and committed to contacting Tam Larson of BAHA.

Motion made (Porter/Krob) to indefinitely table the issue of BAHA's trash disposal indefinitely. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Follow-up from last month's meeting –

Discussion of upcoming Planning Commission terms that expire in April. The Board agrees to discuss at the April 19, 2016 Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn -

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer