

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – May 19, 2015**

(UNAPPROVED)

The Monthly Town Board meeting for the Town of Barnes was called to order at 6:30pm by Chairman, Tom Krob. Roll call was taken with Supervisors Chris Webb, Donna Porter, Julie Bohl and Tom Emerson present for the Town Board establishing a quorum. Also present were Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer and Bob Lang, Roads and Property Foreman. Tom Renz was unable to attend. Bakke verified public notice. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 04/28/2015 and 05/01/2015 Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Lee Wiesner – requested people keep bringing their milk cartons to the Transfer Site for the canoe/kayak race.

Vouchers Approval –

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke

Treasurer's Report –

Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to approve the April Treasurer's report. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence

Forestry cutting reports were made available in the Town Hall entry for public review.

TOB Department Head Reports:

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

Tom Krob presented the planned change of removing blacktop reconfiguring the intersection of Lake Rd. and County N to improve the intersection and make it safer.

Motion (Emerson/Webb) made to give Bob Lang permission to remove blacktop at the intersection of County N and Lake Road to improve that corner. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Krob presented report for Tom Renz.

Fire Inspector – discussion of hiring a Fire Inspection service.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) to authorize the Chair to contact Fire Inspection Services, Inc. to get more detailed information and ask them to provide fire inspection services for the Town of Barnes. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe – there have been no Constable calls to report.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

A.I.S. Committee – Lee Weisner/Chris Webb

Appointment of AIS Committee Chairperson

Motion made (Webb/Bohl) to appoint Lee Wiesner as Chairman for Aquatic Invasive Species Committee. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Boat Landing Monitors – All positions are seasonal part time positions. Staffing is planned as follows: John Loughren, Al Basacker and Gene Pease seasonal Primary Boat Landing Monitors, and Zach Derosiers and Doug Storley as a secondary Boat Landing Monitors.

Motion made (Krob/Porter) to approve staffing as suggested. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Committee report was presented by Lee Wiesner.

Sandbar and Tomahawk Lake do not have funds available to continue treatment on these lakes. Wiesner requests the Board approve funds for scuba survey to be done on each of these lakes two times for the cost of \$400 per lake. Krob said money had been budgeted for the surveys.

Sue Jansen would like to join the A.I.S.C. Board to vote on committee membership at a later meeting.

The Town Board expressed their appreciation to Ingmar Ekstrom for his valued years of service as Chairperson for the Aquatic Invasive Species Committee, and to Lee Wiesner for assuming the role as the new A.I.S.C. Chairperson.

Building Committee – Mike Tremblay/Tom Krob

The town office is now completed. Tremblay reports the final construction costs were approximately 1% below budget at \$222,521.13.

Recommendation was made to dissolve the committee at this time with the completion of the project.

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) that the Building Committee be dissolved as the new office building is now complete. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

The Town Board expressed their appreciation to Mike Tremblay and all the Building Committee members for their participation and work during the new office building construction process.

Cemetery Committee – Donna Porter gives the Cemetery Committee report. New bushes and shrubs are being purchased to replace the ones that died. Additional numbering has been done as records are being updated. Fees for opening gravesites and gravesite prices are being discussed. Our prices are being compared to other surrounding towns.

Appointment of new committee members – Sandra Collins has expressed interest in becoming a Cemetery Committee member, and Sandy Schiess as an alternate member.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to appoint Sandra Collins as a new committee member and Sandy Schiess as an alternate member. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Land Use Planning Commission – Gene Ratzel

Karen Talarczyk – request to create buildable core compatible with Class 2 Lake Classification

Motion made (Webb/Bohl) we support the recommendation of the LUPC to approve the re-zone of the Talarczyk property from R2 to R3. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Fred & Diane Weier – request to rezone western portion of property from R-3 to R-1 for uniform zoning of parcel to allow construction of a garage

Michael Haroldson & Yvonne Sorenson – request rezone of entire lot to R-1 to allow uniform Class 1 on parcel (sub-standard lot of record).

Darrin & Kristen Schmitz – request rezone R-3 to R-1 to allow a 10 ft. setback

Motion made (Krob/Emerson) to table further discussion of Weier, Haroldson, and Schmitz zoning requests until a later date. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec Committee – Donna Porter

Recommendations for Tomahawk Park made by Travis Tulowitzky – Porter reported recommendations included changes in signage, marking the trail more clearly, and getting rid of fire pits. Park Committee will develop sign proposal.

Tennis Court /Basketball Court update on needed repairs– Krob explained there were many different ideas presented by contractors and consultants on how to redo the tennis courts. A meeting was held with Fred Kolkmann, a consultant, who does tennis and basketball courts only. Krob compared some of the different methods presented for repairing or replacing the tennis courts and costs for the different options. More information and further options will be explored. No decision was made on this issue at this time.

Porter is trying to get a swimming lesson instructor for this year and so far as not been able to obtain one. Krob suggests an ad in the paper. Porter agrees. Bakke will place swim instructor ad.

Transfer Site Committee – Tom Emerson

Emerson said there will be changes in pricing with the new recycling service. Various items that can be picked up were discussed. Webb suggested we review our current list and take Emerson's recommendation into consideration at the next Board Meeting. Krob agrees.

The fence will be repaired at the Transfer Site as time permits. The cost is estimated at approximately \$200.

Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

July 4th Parade

The Town Board expressed their appreciation for the years of service Melissa Driscoll put in as the Barnes July 4th Parade Coordinator.

Parade Coordinator Assignment – Melissa Scully has been recommended as the new parade coordinator.

Motion made (Krob/Porter) to have Melissa Scully as our new July 4th Parade Coordinator. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Parade Issues and Notices – Webb reviews discussion from the last board meeting regarding having a dry zone and allowing water balloons at the parade. Board discussed not wanting to end the fun of the parade, but just keep people safe from injuries as happened last year with the water balloons. The July 4th weekend is traditionally a fun weekend for the whole town and we do not want that to change. The goal is to keep it fun and not ruin it because of a few peoples' behavior.

Mike Tremblay – the floats usually start to shoot water. His family always had the rule of no shooting at anyone unless they shoot at you first.

Ingmar Ekstrom - suggests we have a clear set of rules. Other towns have parades with no water and have good parades.

Loren Bohl – suggests we make a rule of no throwing anything at the parade participants.

Sue Betz – suggests we had a water balloon event in the park.

Lee Wiesner – remembers we previously discussed last year that there were frozen water balloons which caused injuries.

The Board discusses ideas for a parade flyer to be distributed.

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) at the July 4th Parade the Town of Barnes is establishing a dry zone where no spraying of water or water balloons are allowed from the town park to Barnes Rd., and asks all spectators and participants to refrain from the use of water balloons in the rest of the parade route due to potential risk of injuries. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Jeanne Riese – placement of memorial bench at the Lake Rd. bridge site – Krob brings up a possible placement site at the southeast side of the bridge. Emerson brings up that we have tried to discourage people from parking at that specific spot and wonders if the bench will encourage to people to park there. Webb and Bohl agree.

Motion made (Porter/Krob) to open that area for Jeanne Riese to place a bench. Roll call vote taken. Bohl, Emerson, Webb and Krob voted no, Porter voted yes. Motion failed.

Loren Bohl stated a bench as heavy as that would need a concrete slab beneath it or it would sink into the sand.

Lee Wiesner suggests the parking be marked more clearly in that area.

Ingmar Ekstrom asks if a bike lane will opened along Lake Rd. and talks about how many more people walk and bike and are more health conscience.

Wiesner and Lang comment on the speed limit in that area.

Mike Tremblay asks about the bench placement for a family, and the naming of town parks after specific people and states he does not feel that is a good idea.

Ambulance Committee formation – Bohl states she thinks this is a good idea to form a fact finding committee to go out and do the research and report to the board. Krob stated he feels we have a first class ambulance department, but that it is a good idea to research options for the future. Committee members should be doctors, medical personnel, and possibly an accountant. Emerson agreed that we should look not only at the services available, but look at working with other neighboring communities and partnering with them. Webb agrees we should look at the other options of working with neighboring communities. Webb also brings up the new legislation that is being worked on that will allow a first

responder and an EMT to go out on a run together. WTA has suggested to Bayfield County that they form an ambulance service.

Motion (Krob/Emerson) to request Tom Renz, Ambulance Director, to confer with Dr. Thomas Stolie???
for recommendations to form an Ambulance Committee and recommend members to be on the committee. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

Bakke to add Ambulance Committee formation to the timeline.

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

Monthly Town Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.