

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

**Tuesday, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

**Barnes Town Hall**

**[APPROVED By BOARD]**

Peet then called the Regular Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:30pm. Roll call was taken with all Board members present. Verification of public notice was asked of Clerk-Treasurer Baldwin by Peet, who then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Motion (Porter/Webb) to approve the Agenda, the minutes of the May Board meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.Motion carried.**

**Agenda**

- 1) Roll Call to establish a Quorum & Verification of Public Notice
- 2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag
- 3) Motion to approve the Agenda, the Minutes of the May Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.
- 4) Voucher's Approval
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Clerk Correspondence
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> Election Results
  - Bayfield County's Annual Hazardous Waste Free Collection on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm, Iron River
- 7) Donation from Eau Claire Lakes P.O. Association – Jon Harkness
- 8) Discussion and possible action on theTown Transfer Site
  - Allowing Town Businesses & Organizations to use the Site
  - Other Options/Changes for the Transfer site
- 9) Discussion and possible action on the Burrows Lot Purchase
- 10) Discussion and possible action on the Loss of the southeast "Welcome To Barnes" Sign on Co. Rd. Y & So. Shore Road
- 11) Discussion on required Maintenance, Ramp & Railing issue & painting for Town Hall Office annex
- 12) Liquor License Renewals:
  - Class B Combo Licenses for local businesses
- 13) Operator Licenses:
  - 1-Year & 2-Year Renewal Licenses
- 14) Department Head Reports:
  - a. Highway Department - Monthly Roads Report
  - b. Fire and Ambulance Departments - Monthly Report
  - c. Constable
- 15) Committee and Commission Reports:
  - a. Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
  - b. Cemetery Sexton & Committee

- Review probable Cemetery Budget error for Accounts 54917-Gas & Oil & 54912-Maintenance, possible transfer or amend budget to correct
  - c. Parks & Recreation Committee
  - d. Land Use Planning Commission
- 16) Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on the Agenda  
 17) Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update  
 18) Adjourn

4. Voucher’s Approval

**Motion (McGee/Meinke) to approve the voucher’s as presented. Motion carried.**

5. Treasurer’s Report:

a. Monthly Treasurer’s Report

Clerk-Treasurer Baldwin read the summary balances for the cash asset accounts from the following monthly Treasurer’s report:

**As of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**Town of Barnes Balance Sheet**

	<b>Jun 7, 12</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		<b>Interest Earned</b>
100 · TOB General Fund-SBOD Checking	38,140.73	3.59
101 · TOB Money Market SBOD Savings		
101A · Money Market-General Savings	307,787.32	
101B · Highway Sinking Fund	26,327.92	
101C · BES Sinking Fund	40,464.05	
101D · Park Savings Fund	12,720.09	
101E · Ski Trail Fund	1,032.47	
101H · Building Maintenance Fund	95,932.54	
101J · ACT 102 Fund Checking	6,128.94	
101K · Bridges Maintenance Fund	12,000.00	
101L · Waterways Maintenance Fund	10,000.00	
101 · TOB Money Market SBOD Savings - Other	625.09	
Total 101 · TOB Money Market SBOD Savings	513,018.42	79.58
110 · TOB Cash Reserves		
110-101 · HCCU Shares Savings Acct.	3,754.30	
1350 · HCCU 18-Mo. CD - 5/19/2013	158,088.09	
1351 · HCCU 18-Mo. CD - 5/7/2013	107,048.47	
1352 · HCCU 18-Mo. CD - 8/10/2012	101,698.48	
1353 · HCCU 18-Mo. CD - 1/4/2013	53,201.48	
1500 · HCCU 35-Mo. CD - 2/20/2014	102,328.57	
Total 110 · TOB Cash Reserves	526,119.39	520.00

Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,077,278.54</u>	
Total Current Assets	<u>1,077,278.54</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1,077,278.54</u></b>	<b><u>603.17</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
2100 · Payroll Liabilities	10,473.39	
2200 · Other Liabilities	-1,281.71	
26000 · Advance Tax Collections	<u>82.48</u>	
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>9,274.16</u>	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>9,274.16</u>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	9,274.16	
<b>Equity</b>		
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	383,075.84	
3900 · Retained Earnings	791,266.25	
Net Income	<u>-106,337.71</u>	
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>1,068,004.38</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>1,077,278.54</u></b>	

**Motion (Meinke/Porter) to approve the Treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.**

**6. Clerk's Report:**

- a. Baldwin reported the results of the June 5<sup>th</sup> special recall election:

GOVERNOR:

· SCOTT WALKER - R	239
· TOM BARRETT - D	245
· HARI TRIVEDI – I	4
· WRITE-IN	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	488

Lt. GOVERNOR:

· REBECCA KLEEFISCH - R	236
· MAHLON MITCHELL – D	241
· WRITE-IN	0
· Under (Non) Votes	<u>11</u>
TOTAL:	488

**488 of 631 electors: a 77% Turn-out**

- b. Baldwin announced the annual Bayfield County Hazardous Waste Free Collection will be on Saturday, July 21st from 3-5pm in Iron River. They will also accept all non-Freon appliances and computer monitors for free; there is a charge for old appliances with Freon and for TV's.

7. **Donation from Eau Claire Lakes P.O. Association:** Jon Harkness presented the Town with a donation check of \$1,740. Designated for our Aquatic Invasive Species program. Lu Peet and AIS Committee Chairman Ingemar Ekstrom accepted the check and thanked the Association for their continued generosity and support.

8. **Discussion and possible action on the Town Transfer Site**

**Motion (Webb/McGee) to table the discussion to the July meeting agenda; Motion carried.**

It was the consensus of the Board that the Transfer Site Committee needs time to research options and the issues with allowing Businesses to use the site, look at other sanitation vendor options, and that we need to identify the best balance of options for serving the needs of the community.

At the Board's request, Bob Lang read the following minutes of the last Transfer Site Committee meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>:

Meeting called to order at 2:05. In attendance were Mitch McGee, Bob Lang, Tom Pieters, Gene Ratzel, Susan Pagnucci, and Jim Olesen.

General discussion was that things are working very well and the dumpsters positioned well and functional at the perimeter. Also, the shack is in a good location right where it is so we can run permanent power to it. The only customers that are confused with the one way traffic are the ones leaving the compost pile area. An additional exit sign may be helpful facing the west. The committee discussed the advisory resolution made at the last town public meeting to reopen the building. The committee felt that the resolutions was ill-advised and was not in the best interest of the functionality of the transfer site. It was further discussed that traffic volume tended to be lower during inclement weather and that the building could be opened on those days. All traffic could be routed through and continue the one way traffic pattern that is working well. There was discussion about the floor being slippery when wet and snow/ice covered. The committee was informed that a more expensive epoxy would be more durable, but would not add more traction than the existing epoxy. It was discussed that squeegees and brooms could be used to keep the floor drier and that sand could be laid down when ice built up during the winter.

The committee discussed the overall expense of the transfer site and the unusually high percentage of the town's budget for garbage and recycle expenses. The expense of the debris dumpsters was discussed as this seems to be where a large percentage of the expense is considering the low tonnage. The committee discussed discontinuing this service. The committee also discussed checking with competitive companies to see if all services could be contracted at a lower rate. The committee also discussed the possibility of businesses using the facility, what it would cost, and would it overload the facility. Considering all of these questions, the committee recommended that the board postpone acting on the request to open the facility to businesses and give the committee time to consider other options and impacts to the transfer site. If the board decides to open to businesses, the committee would like to consider charging per bag, additional staffing needs, other options to taking money at the transfer site, and additional facility requirements (more dumpsters).

The committee would also like to invite Allied Waste representatives to their next meeting which will be held on **June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Lang – Property Foreman

Supervisor Webb stated that there needs to be fewer coffee breaks in the site office, and that we are reviewing the Transfer Site staffing needs and will establish a job description.

Based upon the Site Committee research and recommendations, we may need to conduct trials/ experiment for 6 months so that we can finalize all staffing and processes with the 2013 budget and have all in place by next January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **9. Discussion and possible action on the Burrows Lot Purchase**

Peet verified with Baldwin that the assessed market value of the lot is currently \$6,800. and that all prior efforts had validated that this was an appropriate purchase by the town and in the best interest of all parties.

**Motion (McGee/Meinke) to approve the Town of Barnes purchase of the Burrows Lot for the agreed upon offer of \$5,600. Roll call vote taken: all responded yes with Supervisor Webb abstaining. Motion carried.** Peet stated that Webb was abstaining because Dick Webb, with no-fee involved, was coordinating the real estate transaction for the town.

#### **10. Discussion and possible action on the Loss of the southeast "Welcome To Barnes" Sign on Co. Rd. Y & So. Shore Road**

**Motion (Meinke/Webb) to move the current sign on Co. Rd. N by Doorn's Inn to the South Shore Road/Co. Road Y 'triangle'. Motion carried.**

#### **11. Discussion on required Maintenance, Ramp & Railing issue & painting for Town Hall Office**

**Motion (Webb/Meinke) to maintain the ramp to the Town office and have Lang & Baldwin develop a maintenance plan with cost estimates and include any required signage necessary. Roll call vote taken: all responded yes; Motion carried.**

#### **12. Liquor License Renewals:**

**Motion (Webb/Porter) to approve Class B Combination Licenses for the following 12 local businesses contingent upon receipt of the full-payment required by June 30th. Motion carried.**

1. Barnes Community VFW Post 8329
2. Barnes Trading Post Inc.
3. Carole A. & Ralph E DeWitt d/b/a RC's Decoy Inn
4. Doorn's Inn Inc.
5. Downtown Barnes, Inc. d/b/a Cedar Lodge Steakhouse & Grille, LLC
6. Eagle Horn LLC. d/b/a Buck N Bass
7. Enchanted Inn Corp. d/b/a Enchanted Inn
8. Nancy M Lindberg d/b/a The Windsor
9. Cleo M. Marshall d/b/a Mike's Sportsman Saloon
10. PJ's Cabin Store Inc.
11. Tommel, Inc. d/b/a Backwoods Resort
12. Traut's Resort

**Motion (Webb/Meinke) to approve a Class B Combination License for Graeses Bar and Grill, d/b/a Northwoods Tap, pending a valid seller's permit and authorization from the State and all required fess paid. Motion carried.**

**Motion (Meinke/McGee) to approve a Class A Combination License for Jim's Bait LLC pending authorization from the State and all required fess paid. Motion carried.**

**13. Operator Licenses:**

**Motion (Webb/Porter) to approve 1 Year Renewal Licenses for: Stephen John Anderson, Evonne M. Becker, Douglas A. Fahrney and Larry Lois. Motion carried.**

**Motion (Porter/Webb) to approve 2 Year Renewal Licenses for: Tabitha Adolphson , Gary Bergman, Cheryl Beshoar, Russell Boheim, Clyde Carter, John Draganowski, P.J. Foat Jr., Michael Frelichowski, Steven Krivinchuk, Judy Krob, Gladys Krob, Tom Korb, Samuel Kurth, Tracy Levy, Jenneane Lois, Donald Scheer, Jean Scheer, Roberta Shemwell, and Anne Wikan. Motion carried.**

**Motion (Webb/Porter) to approve 2 Year New Licenses for: Darlene Martin and Scott Saucier. Motion carried.**

**14. Department Head Reports:**

**a. Highway Department – Monthly Report**

We've had a chance to catch up on some of our smaller projects since the last meeting. We were able to get the new climbing house and the spring turtle installed in the park before Memorial weekend. We assembled a new picnic table and placed that out by the new playground. Bob Brennan donated a couple of older metal picnic tables that we need to update before we can place them into service. We also planted four trees in the park a couple of weeks ago.

As of last week, the generator for the emergency services building and town garage is fully operational. This took a bit more work than anticipated because specific circuits had to be isolated so the generator wouldn't be overloaded. It will power the lights, communication equipment, garaged doors, well, and heating systems. Let's hope we don't need it anytime soon.

We cleaned up the Potawatomi project road sides this month. The next phase of the project is to relocate the utilities that will interfere with our construction project. We met with Dahlberg electric last week and Norvado this week. Now they have to make arrangements with their contractors. I expect this could take four to eight weeks to be completed. Our construction is on hold until this process is complete.

We completed our project on Eightmile Lake Road last week. We installed a culvert on Earl Gregorie's drive way, dug in multiple water runoffs on both sides of the road, and graveled the lower section of the hill. We hope this will control the washouts and stabilize the road. We are now doing much the same on Broken Arrow by Debra Soars. We are trying to slow the water down before it carries all of the road gravel off of the roadway and into her yard. We will be dealing with some of the other washouts around town during the coming weeks along with the Porcupine/Lynx intersection issues and the North Lynndale Bay project.

Along with the road projects, we have started cutting along the roadways this week. We hope to have the majority of the first pass done by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Due to the abundance of rain this season, we anticipate cutting the road sides again late in the late summer.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bob Lang** – Roads & Property Foreman

b. **Fire and Ambulance Departments – Monthly Report:**Peet read Tom Renz’s report.

The Ambulance had 10 calls:

- 1 – Lift assist no transport
- 1 – person hit by car in Town of Highland, transported to St. Luke’s Gold Cross Intercept
- 1 – transport to Essentia Health, Gold Cross Intercept
- 3 – Transported to Essentia Health
- 1 – ATV Accident Patient transported to Hayward where helicopter was waiting
- 1 – Town of Highland patient transferred to Gold Cross
- 2 – respond with Fire call.
- The Bike race fund raiser went well for the 135 bikers we had in the Town Park on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Everything is moving forward for planning and preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Fire Department had 3 calls:

- 1 – ATV accident
- 1 – wild land fire
- 1 – power line down.
- Fire Department members went to Hayward and had extrication training.

Thank you,

**Thomas Renz**, Fire Chief & Ambulance Director

c. **Constable:**Peet read the following report from Constable Mike O’Keefe.

- ( 2 ) Alarms : from alarm company's
- ( 1 ) Animal complaint : Mulligan creek road road area
- ( 3 ) PWA complaint's : on middle / upper
- ( 3 ) Firework's complaints
- ( 1 ) excessive noise complaint from Neighbor about loud music after dark
- ( 1 ) Bear complaint : Resident concerned about having a bear on her property, and the obvious danger of her family and poodle . Asked if I would come over and tranquilize and re-locate animal . Referred to the DNR warden .....End report

**14) Committee and Commission Reports:**

- a. **Aquatic Invasive Species Committee:** Chairman Ingemar Ekstrom reported George Lake was treated two weeks ago. The WI Army Corp of Engineers will be coming to inspect the area boat landings. The invasive flowering weed, ‘Curly-leaf pondweed’ has been found on Middle Eau Claire Lake, and was also just found on Upper. Lower EC Lake was inspected and none was found there. The committee will arrange for a possible survey of Middle and maybe Upper yet this year and we may have to treat next year. There will be an Invasive Species workshop this Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Town Hall from 9-Noon.
- Peet inquired about a rumor that EWM had been found in Cranberry Lake; Ekstrom said no milfoil had been detected there!

**Motion (Webb/Porter) to Open the floor to discussion; Motion carried.**

**Motion (Porter/Webb) to Close the floor to discussion; Motion carried.**

**b. Cemetery Sexton & Committee**

- **Review probable Cemetery Budget error for Accounts 54917-Gas & Oil & 54912-Maintenance, possible transfer or amend budget to correct**

Baldwin reported that he and Supervisor Porter had identified a 2012 budget error with the wrong amounts budgeted to these cemetery accounts; they recommended transferring the amounts from one account to the other to correct.

**Motion (Webb/Porter) to amend the 2012 Budget by transferring the current budgeted amounts for the Cemetery accounts 54917-Gas & Oil & 54912-Maintenance from one account to the other. Roll call vote taken: all responded yes; Motion carried.**

Porter reported that the next Cemetery Committee meeting will be on June 25<sup>th</sup>. They have met with a landscaper and she reviewed with the Board his proposed \$2,100. bid and the planned changes to the cemetery entrance to add dwarf trees, shrubs and colorful boulders.

**Motion (Webb/Meinke) to authorize the Cemetery Committee to proceed with the planned improvements and landscaper bid. Payment would be funded by: \$500. from the Cemetery maintenance budget, Use of the \$500. Harkness donation, and up to a maximum of \$500. from the Parks/Recreation Fund. Roll call vote taken: all responded yes; Motion carried.**

- c. **Recreation Committee:** Supervisor Porter reported that the Committee was working on organizing the annual swimming lessons for children in July.
- d. **Land Use Planning Commission:** Chairman David Pease reported that at the June 14th meeting, the Commission approved for recommendation to the Board the Re-zoning Application by Jerald & Margaret Feirer to change their 54900 Moore Road property from R-2 to R-1 Residential.
- e. It was noted that the Clerk-Treasurer had not included the Zoning item on the agenda so the Board could not approve it at this time; a Special meeting will be scheduled to approve and forward the approval to County Zoning.

**15) Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on the Agenda**

- Connie Balcom, who lives on Pickerel Lake, discussed her original request from last September for a memorial bench. The Board recommended she work with Jim Bakken of Ayers Associates for perhaps a table or bench on the UEC boat landing when it is reconstructed.
- Supervisor Webb asked Loren Bohl, who was attending, what the result of the Board letter from last month to the County Board regarding the ATV route change along County Road N by the airport; Bohl reported that it had been approved.

**16) Review & Update of the Board Issues Timeline Log**

- The log was reviewed and updated with the changes in process.

**Motion to go into Closed Session:** The Town Board of the Town of Barnes will meet in regular session to go into a closed session per State Statute 19.85(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which

the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The board will reconvene to the regular session immediately after the closed session.

**Motion (Porter/McGee) to go into closed session, roll call vote taken: all present responded yes. Motion carried.** The Board adjourned to the Town Hall offices for closed session at 8:08PM.

Supervisor Webb noted that the posted agenda by the Clerk-Treasurer did not include a 'Closed Session' after the meeting, only for the prior Special meeting that had occurred. Consensus was to adjourn and schedule/post a Special meeting for the closed Session.

**Motion (Webb/McGee) to Adjourn the June 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting; Motion carried.**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Stephen C. Baldwin**, Town of Barnes Clerk-Treasurer  
Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012

**Note:** These Minutes were APPROVED by the Town Board at their July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting.