

# MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – August 16, 2016  
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

## UNAPPROVED

Supervisor Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30pm. Chairperson Tom Krob was absent. A roll call was done to establish a quorum with Tom Emerson, Chris Webb, Seana Frint and Donna Porter in attendance. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

*A motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 08/8/2016 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes was made (Porter/Emerson) and a voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

Public Comment Session –

Greg Martin spoke regarding the changes at the rifle range in regard to Norvado  
Ted Caiazza thanked the town for work done on Walter Rd. but requested additional work  
Lee Wiesner spoke regarding lake levels and encouraged the town to adopt a “slow-no wake” emergency rule to be implemented

Clerk Bourassa reported on the Election, 141 voters, including 14 absentee with 6 absentee Ballots outstanding

Chris Webb brought up a resident’s concern regarding boats parking at the Upper Eau Claire Lake old boat landing site. She spoke with Constable O’Keefe who checked with the DNR who advised that the town has no jurisdiction over the water.

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve July vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Chris Webb went over the July Treasurer’s Report prepared by Bourassa.

*A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to open the floor. Voice vote was taken and the motion carried.*

Mike Tremblay spoke and he commented that the balance in the Vatten Paddlar checking account is to be maintained for future events.

*Motion made (Porter/Webb) to close the floor. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the July Treasurer’s report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report –Bob Lang  
Bob Lang read his report that covered the past two months

*A motion was made (Porter/Webb) to approve spending up to \$2,800.00 for the wetland delineation. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to erect a stop sign for south-bound traffic on Barnes Rd. at the Island Lake Road intersection. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Tom Renz was absent so no report.

*Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to table the discussion of the addition to the Fire Hall. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Chris Webb read the Constable's Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

A.I.S. Committee – Lee Wiesner

Lee announced that they have discovered Eurasian Water Milfoil in Red Lake in Wascott and a hybrid water milfoil was found in Lake Namakagon. The BAISS boat is still a work in progress, they've had some issues with removal and excess suction. He advised that the EWM bed in Lake Tomahawk has expanded so he suggested a grant be applied for plant management and requested guidance from the board.

*Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to authorize the AIS Committee to continue the grant application process for Tomahawk and potentially Sand Bar Lake. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

EMS Committee – Guy Johnston-no update was given

Tourism Committee –Seana Frint

P.J. Foat has resigned as the chairperson but would like to continue as an alternate and Tom Krob is willing to be added as a regular member until such time a new member is added, then he would be an alternate.

Chris Webb asked for a listing of the committee members. They are Susan Pagnucci, Carol LeBreck, Seana Frint, Julie Bohl, Melissa Scully, Mike Tremblay, Tom Krob and P.J. Foat.

*Motion made (Frint/Porter) to open the floor for Mike Tremblay's comments regarding his willingness to serve as Vice-Chair and Melissa Scully's desire to serve as Chair. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Frint/Porter) to close the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Webb/Porter) to name Melissa Scully as the new chair, Mike Tremblay as the Vice-Chair and appoint Tom Krob as a regular member and P.J. Foat as an alternate. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Transfer Site – Tom Emerson

Tom reported on the Transfer Site Committee's decision NOT to allow vehicles to be dropped off at the Transfer Site. Individual residents can arrange for pickup by Joe Zuelke at their residence. Tom also reported that Joe Zuelke does have liability insurance and will provide a copy, if needed.

The committee also requested direction from the board in regard to fluorescent bulbs. We currently charge residents \$1 per bulb but it costs the town \$2 for a 4 foot bulb and \$5 for an 8 foot bulb.

*Motion made (Webb/Porter) to increase the charge to \$2 for a 4 foot fluorescent bulb and \$5 for an 8 foot fluorescent bulb. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Parks & Rec Committee-Donna Porter

Donna reported that the committee is discussing access to the newly purchased land and they are discussing accepting donations to the Parks & Rec Committee which could be used to develop a brochure describing the facilities available. They are also considering purchasing a picnic table for use outside the Town Office.

Bob Lang commented that the correction workers have 6 days available and could work on the ski trail expansion. He also commented on the roofing needs of several buildings on Town property and is seeking bids for budget consideration.

Land Use Planning Commission-Gene Ratzel

The Commission recommends acceptance of the variance petition requested by Robert and Amanda Van Doorn.

*Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the petition to change the zoning from R2 to RRB. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Donna asked about the Timeline and the clerk said it will be reviewed at the next meeting.

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.

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