

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF BARNES**  
**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday – August 20, 2013 at 6:30PM  
At Barnes Town Hall – 3360 County Hwy N – Barnes, WI

(APPROVED)

**1) Call Meeting to Order and do Roll Call to establish a Quorum & Verification of Public Notice:**

Chairperson Tom Krob called the August Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum established. Members of the Town Board present were: Jack Meinke, Chris Webb, Donna Porter and Mitch McGee. Also in attendance were Town Staff Members: Brenda Bakke, Town Clerk-Treasurer and Bob Lang, Roads & Property Foreman. Bakke verified for Krob that the meeting notice had been posted in accordance with State Statutes.

**2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag:** Krob led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3) Motion to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of previous Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.**

**Motion was made (Webb/Meinke) to approve the Minutes of previous Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those Minutes. Motion carried.**

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

Barb Romstad – requests involvement of citizens opposing change to Water Ordinance in DNR ordinance change request.

Greg Martin – request to post sign for Rifle Range use at Rifle Range entrance.

Maureen Fullington – presents citizens petition regarding Outlet Bay Rd. bridge removal.

Ron Clark – suggestion for alternative to Outlet Bay Rd. bridge removal.

Marianne Koser – comments on Outlet Bay Rd. bridge removal.

Bob Koser – reads letter from Dave Bischel of Appleton regarding Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge and presents copy to the Board.

Christine Neff – expresses safety concerns if all ATV road routes are made snowmobile routes also and requests waiver for Martin Rd. not to be included as snowmobile route.

Suzette Tremblay – Thanks Highway Department for the good work done on Idlewild Rd. and requests additional tree removal and road widening.

**5) Outlet Bay bridge removal.**

**a) Paul Halverson – bridge condition:** Paul Halverson read his report of observations he made while unofficially inspecting the bridge on Outlet Bay Rd. at the request of friends and business owners near the bridge.

**b) Tom Toepfer – Bayfield County:** Not present at meeting at this time. Krob and Lang present comments made to each of them during telephone conversations with Tom Toepfer.

**Motion was made (Porter/Webb) to table all further discussion of the Outlet Bay Rd. bridge removal until later in the meeting and see if Toepfer arrives. Motion carried.**

**c) Discussion and acceptance of contractor bid for removal.**

**d) Discussion and acceptance of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Habitat Development Agreement.**

**6) Norvado – Guest Speaker Lynda Robertson with Finley Engineering:** Robertson presented Norvado's current proposed buried cable route affecting 50-60 homes.

**a) Discussion and possible action regarding buried cable permit.**

**Motion was made (Meinke/McGee) to accept proposed buried cable route and sign permit required for work to begin. Roll Call vote was taken with Krob, Meinke, Porter and McGee voting yes. Webb, a Norvado employee, abstained from vote due to possible perceived conflict of interest. Motion carried.**

**7) Voucher's Approval – Discuss/Motion to Approve July Vouchers**

**Motion was made (Porter/McGee) to approve the July vouchers. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

**8) Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke**

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Bakke read the July Treasurer's Report. Webb requested Bakke check current CD interest rates for the Board.

**Motion was made (Meinke/Porter) to accept the Treasurer's Report as read and have Bakke check CD interest rates and report rates to the Board. Roll Call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

- b) **Auditor's Update:** Bakke reports Auditor's work is completed.
- c) **Operators Licenses Approval:** Board requests Colby be contacted regarding Operator Application completion.
- d) **Fire Inspection of Town Hall and Office:** Bakke reports there were only three minor deficiencies sighted by Inspector Prickett, two of which are already corrected, and the last to be corrected upon delivery of purchased equipment.
- e) **Approve date for 2014 Annual Town Meeting & April 2014 Monthly Town Board Meeting**
- 1) **Annual Meeting to be held 4-15-2014, third Tuesday in April 2014.**
  - 2) **Monthly Board Meeting to be held 04-22-2014, fourth Tuesday in April 2014.**  
Annual Town Meeting date set pursuant to State Statute 60.11.2 with regular Monthly Town Board Meeting postponed one week to accommodate same.

**9) TOB Department Head Reports:**

- a) **Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report:** Bob Lang read the Monthly Roads Report.
- 1) **ATV Signs:** Follow-up discussion from previous month of appropriate signs to order and whether a new ordinance allowing snowmobile access on roads to snowmobile trails. This Town Ordinance already exists.

**Motion was made (Webb/Porter) to order combination ATV/snowmobile signs and have the Highway Department post them. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion was made (Krob/Meinke) to open the floor to public comment. Roll Call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Carol LaBrecht states people are abusing the Ordinance by using the Town roads as trails and someone needs to enforce this Ordinance.

Chris Neff states we need to "get the word out" on the rules so people know.

Jon Harkness thinks it's fair to open the roads and discusses the danger with snowmobiles and ATV's on the roads because some riders are using alcohol and think they are invincible.

Barb Romstad talks about people cutting across private properties on snowmobiles and ATV's and likes the idea of them having access to the roads.

Suzette Tremblay agrees with Jon Harkness that some do abuse, but states that snowmobiles would rather use the trails.

Porter Donna states we can post cautionary signs advising speed limits.

**Motion made (Webb/Porter) to close the floor to public comment. Roll Call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Chris Webb suggests educating the riders and working with the ATV and Snowmobile Clubs to get trail maps out and people educated.

- 2) **Point O Pines Update:** Update was included in Monthly Roads report.
- 3) **Request addition of a Regular Part-time on-call (frontend loader) Operator for snow removal.**

**Motion was made (Meinke/McGee to authorize Lang to proceed with hiring a Seasonal Part-time Emergency Operator for snow removal. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

- b) Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Tom Renz was unable to be present and no report was available at this time.
- c) Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O’Keefe – Krob read the report from Constable O’Keefe.

**10) TOB Committee and Commission Reports:**

- a) Building Maintenance Committee: Mike Tremblay – Nothing new to report.
  - 1) Transfer Site Committee: – Mitch McGee - McGee reports the Transfer Site Committee recommends the Town contract with Allied Waste for the fourth quarter refuse pick-up for 2014. Lang discusses the price difference per pick-up of the dumpsters or roll-offs.

**Motion was made (Webb/Meinke) to accept the Allied Waste proposal for the 2013 fourth quarter refuse pick-up. Roll Call vote taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.**

- b) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ingemar Ekstrom – A grant has been received for the 2014 Clean Boats Clean Water boat monitoring program. Milfoil is gone from Tomahawk Lake and vegetation is coming back nicely. Matt Berg is scuba diving to check the Eau Claire Lakes for us.
- c) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess - Schiess reports on current burials and monuments that were set.
- d) Parks & Recreation Committee: Donna Porter – Pickleball has gotten more popular and Pickleball players would like permission to make two more Pickleball courts on the tennis courts. The players would paint the court markings, but ask that the Town provide two more nets and some wind screen. The Town Board agrees to discuss the equipment at budget time.
- e) Land Use Planning Commission: Dave Pease
  - 1) Town of Barnes Sand Pit and Town of Barnes Salt Sand Pit – Land Use and Planning agree the Town sandpit would be an asset to Barnes and recommends approval of same.

**Motion made (Meinke/McGee) to accept Land Use and Planning Commission recommendation. Roll Call vote with all present voting yes. Motion carried.**

- 2) William B. Frels – Replace existing cabin in F-1, Class 3 zone with modular home, upgrade well, and erect a pole building. - Commission states this meets all the requirements of the Barnes Land Use Plan and recommends approval.

**Motion made (Webb/McGee) to accept recommendation to allow improvements requested. Roll Call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

- 11) Kingman Loomis – Barnes Retirement Living Center – Loomis states a tax exempt (501 3C) corporation owns the Barnes Retirement Living Center and should not have been changed from its’ tax exempt status for the 2011 and 2012 tax years. He further requests the Town of Barnes provide tax relief for said years. The Board agrees to investigate the process and obligations associated with giving tax relief for past tax years.

**12) Last Month’s Meeting Follow-up –**

- a) Upper Eau Claire Lake Boat Launch Project - Reminder that UECL Boat Launch closes effective Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> for approximately 2 months. – No change.

- 13) Return to #5, Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge removal. – Tom Toepfer still had not arrived. Board discusses the deadline for the DNR permit to remove the bridge, and suggests a meeting with Tom Toepfer be set up ASAP.

**Motion made (Webb/McGee) to table no longer than 8-27-2013 in order to have a conference call or meeting with Tom Toepfer.**

**14) Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update**

**15) Adjournment.**

**Motion made (Meinke/Porter) to adjourn the August Monthly Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

**Brenda K. Bakke  
Barnes Town Clerk-Treasurer**