

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES**  
**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**6:30PM Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at the Barnes Town Hall**  
**(UNAPPROVED)**

At 6:30pm the Town Board reconvened and Chairman Krob called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order. Roll call had been taken and a quorum established at the earlier Special Board meeting. Bakke verified public notice. Pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Motion made (Porter/Webb) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 07/21/2015 Special Board Meetings and 08/18/2015 Monthly Board Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on agenda

Lee Wiesner – asked about whether all the town roads are ATV roads now because some of them are not posted. Lang explained that all town roads are open to ATV traffic, but the signage is not completely done. All roads connecting to the highway are done.

Vouchers Approval –

Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve August vouchers. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Reports provided by Brenda Bakke

Treasurer's Report

Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the August Treasurer's Reports. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence

Approval of Operator License applications requested for Paula Greenspan, Patrice Cheleski, and Vincent Petrakis.

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) to approve the Paula Greenspan application for a new 2 yr. Operator License. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion made (Emerson/Krob) to approve the Patrice Cheleski application for a renewal 2 yr. Operator License. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion made (Porter/Krob) to approve the 2 yr. application for an Operator's License for Vincent Petrakis. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report was read by Bob Lang. Lang also discussed plans to move the brush dump road next year approximately 100 ft. to the west locating it across from the Transfer Site entrance. Work is planned to begin on Hans Rd. possibly later this week.

Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports were presented by Tom Renz.

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Constable Mike O'Keefe's Monthly Report was read by Tom Krob.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

A.I.S. Committee – Lee Wiesner

Wiesner said Clean Boats Clean Waters appears to be over budget for Boat Monitors. Lee Wiesner and Ingemar Ekstrom will review details of expenses to figure out why.

Hydraulic lift updates – We now have the pump and air system. Pontoon has carpet on it that is just outdoor carpet, not marine carpet and it's falling apart. Committee would like to replace it with marine vinyl, but the cost is \$2,400 and it may not be able to be covered by grant funds. A request for an extension of the grants for Upper Eau Claire Lake and Middle Eau Claire Lake will need to be submitted to the DNR.

Chris Webb suggests putting together a synopsis of what we plan to do regarding the invasive species and propose it to some of the local colleges to see if they have students that would be interested in getting involved.

Tourism Committee – Julie Bohl

Bohl reports new officers have been elected to the committee. The new officers are– PJ Foat, Chairman; Melissa Scully, Vice Chairman; Barb Romstad, Secretary/Treasurer.

The 2016 Vatten Paddlar will be held on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Tourism Committee requests that the Town agree to host the event again.

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) that the Town of Barnes host the 2016 Vatten Paddlar event on July 9, 2016. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Transfer Site – Tom Emerson

Emerson presents a pricing proposal and recommends we continue using Republic Services as our refuse removal vendor. Proposed pricing remained the same.

Motion made (Emerson/Webb) we continue to use Republic Services for trash removal and sign a 2 year contract with them. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Emerson states the Transfer Site Committee recommends an increase for the large garbage bag pricing. They hold much more trash and more of the larger bags, i.e. 50 gallon size bags, are being brought in. Other areas charge more than we do for large bags.

Motion made (Krob/Porter) to table further discussion on garbage drop off fees until the budget for 2016 is being worked on. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made by the Transfer Site Committee that the hours of operation be changed to be uniform on all days the site is open. Emerson explains it would be easier for people to remember the schedule if the Transfer Site hours were the same each day it is opened.

Motion made (Krob/Porter) to open floor to comments on hours of operation. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Guy Johnston – stated he likes the extended hours, but doesn't know if we need the extended hours every day. He likes the 8:00AM opening time.

Jon Harkness – suggested we consider charging for the Transfer Site on property taxes and that everyone pay for the Transfer Site. Jon stated he pays for home trash pickup service.

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Motion made (Krob/Porter) to close the floor. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Porter and Bohl suggest we make the hours uniform. Webb agrees.

Motion made (Porter/Krob) to change the hours of service to be 8:00AM – 2:00PM each day the Transfer Site is open. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Historical Town of Barnes Board of Health Records –

The Board is waiting to hear from BAHA how they would store the records in order to determine whether we should hold on to them or let the Wisconsin Historical Society have them.

Motion made (Krob/Bohl) we table a decision on the Town of Barnes Historical Medical Records until next month Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

Cemetery Plot Sales – Donna Porter

Porter brought up the sale of cemetery lots suggesting not selling multiple lots to people because we have lots that will never be filled and we have no one to contact to be able to use those lots for other people.

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) going forward we should only sell single burial plots for \$100 each.

Krob moved to remove the motion and have it restated more clearly. Motion removed with unanimous consent.

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to revise Cemetery Rules document by removing "One-Third Lot \$300".

Motion made by Krob to open to public floor. No second, motion failed.

Roll call vote taken on motion to change Cemetery Rules document with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Tennis Courts - resurfacing schedule – Tom Krob

Krob brought forth the idea of removing the old surface of the tennis courts this fall and lock in the price quoted by Finley Brothers, Inc. for the resurfacing to be done in the spring.

Motion made Krob/Bohl that we contract with Finley Brothers, Inc. for \$14,975 plus \$600 for resurfacing the tennis courts. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

Bakke to make changes to Timeline as discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer

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