

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
2017 BUDGET HEARING,
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS,
and MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – November 15, 2016 at 6:00PM
At Barnes Town Hall**

(UNAPPROVED)

At 6:00PM Chairman, Tom Krob called the Annual Public Budget Hearing to order. Roll call was taken with Town Supervisors Christine Webb, Donna Porter, Seana Frint and Tom Emerson present establishing a quorum. Also present was Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer. Judy Bourassa verified public notice. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Discussion of the 2017 Proposed Town Budget – Tom Krob reviewed the proposed budget figures for the Town of Barnes for 2017. Highlights were no increase in the Tax Levy, the Tomahawk Lake grant and the Lake Road project in Intergovernmental Revenues. The Other Financing Sources are funds drawn from sinking funds to pay for Parks & Rec improvements and the Lake Road project. The Highway Dept. increase is due to the hiring of a new foreman and Jerry Witt going Full-Time and Health Insurance premiums increase.

Motion made (Chris Neff/Pat Johnston) to adjourn the Public Budget Hearing. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

The Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:15PM.

At 6:16PM the Special Town Meeting of the Electors was called to order. Questions were asked as to why there isn't a tax increase and what was the result of the revaluation. Taxes are not being increased since we've been putting funds aside to pay for the projects. Overall, the revaluation resulted in a decrease in values of approximately 4%. Krob presented the choices for the method of voting on the 2016 tax levy, i.e. standing, hand count, or secret ballots. Attendees agreed on hand count for recording votes. Vote counters were asked for with and Bill Pence and Mitch McGee volunteering to count votes.

Krob read the language of Resolution R16-10 as follows: "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the qualified electors of the Town of Barnes here assembled in a Special Town Meeting this 15th day of November, 2016, to adopt the 2016 town tax levy to be paid in 2017 in the sum of \$502,166.00 which will be levied for the purpose of Operating Expenses for the year 2017."

Motion made (Chris Neff/Mitch McGee) to adopt Resolution 16-10 approving the 2016 tax levy to be paid in 2017. Vote by show of hands taken with 13 voting yes, and 0 voting no. Motion carried.

Motion made (Guy Johnston/Sue Pence) to adjourn the Special Town Meeting of the Electors. Vote by show of hands taken with 13 voting yes, and 0 voting no. Motion carried.

The Special Town Meeting of the Electors was adjourned at 6:24PM.

At 6:25PM Chairman Krob called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 10/18/2016 Monthly Board meeting and the 10/20, 10/24, 10/29 and 11/1 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Town of Barnes 2017 Budget –

Krob asked the other Board members if there were any changes they felt should be made in the 2017 Budget. No changes were suggested or requested.

Motion made (Webb/Frint) to adopt the Town of Barnes 2017 Budget. Roll call vote taken with Webb, Emerson, Frint, Porter and Krob all voting yes to adopt the 2017 budget. Motion carried.

Town of Barnes Budget Amendment-

Adoption of Resolution 16-09 Budget Amendment: since the land purchase of 35 acres was not budgeted for in 2016, a budget amendment to move reserve funds to the Public Buildings and Land Outlay account requires Town Board approval.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to adopt Resolution 16-09 Budget Amendment. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session – There were no public comments.

Voucher's Approval –

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve October vouchers. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Reports provided by Judy Bourassa.

Treasurer's Report -

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence

Adoption of Resolution 16-08 Treasurer's Tax Collection Bond: Annual Town obligation to Bayfield County of amount over Treasurer's Bond for property taxes.

Motion made (Webb/Frint) to adopt Resolution 16-08 for the Tax Collection Bond. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Posting of Town notices per 2015 Wisconsin Act 79 enacted 11-11-2015 which allows towns to post public notices on their Internet site and one other site in the town. The Town currently posts notices at Chippewa Valley Bank on Hwy 27, the bulletin board outside the front of the Barnes Town Hall and on the Town website. Chairperson Krob suggested that due to no Saturday hours and limited weekday hours, the bank posting should be removed as a public notice site. The Clerk can continue to send the bank the notices, but it is not an official site.

Motion made (Krob/Porter) to make it town policy to post all future Town notices at the Town Hall and Town website. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

The Highway Department Monthly Roads Report was presented by Tom Krob.

Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly Reports were presented by Tom Krob.

Constable – Monthly Report from Constable Mike O'Keefe – no report received

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee:

Resolution R16-11 to include in the grant request for Tomahawk and Sandbar Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant

Motion made (Emerson/Krob) to approve Resolution 16-11 to be included in the AIS Control Grant application. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Tourism Committee: Tom Krob

Barb Romstad will not be able to serve as the Vatten Paddlar coordinator next year so it was proposed that we hire a coordinator for no more than \$1,000.00.

Motion made (Krob/Frint) that the board approve the hiring of a race coordinator for no more than \$1,000.00.

Chris Webb questioned why the board needs to approve the hiring but isn't opposed to paying someone. Tom explained that the Committee is recommending this and the board is obligated to respond.

Roll call was taken with Webb, Emerson, Frint, Porter and Krob all voting yes. Motion carried.

Timeline-the issues were reviewed and the planning commission re-appointments will be discussed at the December board meeting.

Motion to adjourn (Webb/Porter) was made. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:52PM.

Submitted by Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer