

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
2019 BUDGET HEARING,
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS,
and MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – November 20, 2018 at 6:00PM
At Barnes Town Hall**

(UNAPPROVED)

At 6:02PM, Chairperson Chris Webb called the Annual Public Budget Hearing to order. Roll call was taken with Town Supervisors Donna Porter, Seana Frint and Tom Emerson present, establishing a quorum. Zach Desrosiers was absent. Also present was Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer. Town Attorney John Carlson was available by conference call. Judy Bourassa verified public notice. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Discussion of the 2019 Proposed Town Budget –Chairperson Webb reviewed the proposed budget which required a resolution by the Town Board to exceed the levy limit which was approved at the October 30th meeting. The levy for 2018 (payable in 2019) would be increased 59.2% to \$812,592. This would provide funding for the hiring of 2 full-time EMTs, additional funds for road improvements/maintenance, salt shed funding and equipment purchases. This would increase taxes approximately \$100 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Taxes haven't been raised since 2007, other than minor net new construction allowable increases.

The Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:32PM.

At 6:33PM, the Special Town Meeting of the Electors was called to order. There were 14 Electors present.

Chris Webb presented the choices for the method of voting on the 2018 resolutions and exceeding the tax levy, i.e. standing, hand count, or secret ballots. Attendees agreed on hand count for recording votes. Vote counters were asked for and Guy Johnston and Eric Neff were appointed to count votes.

Webb read the language of Resolution R18-10 for a new Fire and Ambulance Hall as follows: "Be it resolved that we, the town electors of the Town of Barnes, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, being duly assembled at the Special Town Meeting on November 20, 2018, do hereby authorize the Town Board of the Town of Barnes to construct a new Fire and Ambulance Hall at a cost not to exceed \$500,000, pursuant to sec. 60.10(2)(f)."

Motion made (Tom Renz/Greg Martin) to adopt Resolution 18-10 Vote by show of hands taken with 14 voting yes, and 0 voting no. Motion carried.

Webb read the language of Resolution R18-11 as follows: "Be it resolved that we, the town electors of the Town of Barnes, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, being duly assembled at the Special Town Meeting on November 20, 2018, do hereby authorize the Town Board of the Town of Barnes to construct a new Salt Shed at a cost not to exceed \$60,000, pursuant to sec. 60.10(2)(f)."

Motion made (Donna Porter/Pat Johnston) to adopt Resolution 18-11. Vote by show of hands taken with 14 voting yes and 0 voting no. Motion carried.

Webb read the language of Resolution R18-12 as follows: "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the town electors of the Town of Barnes, Bayfield County, Wisconsin endorse the town board resolution to increase the town tax levy for 2018 (collected in 2019) by 59.2 percent over the allowable 2018 levy, which is an increase of \$302,240 over the allowable 2018 town tax levy."

Motion made (Guy Johnston/Tom Renz) to adopt Resolution 18-12. Vote by show of hands taken with 14 voting yes and 0 voting no. Motion carried.

Webb read the language of Resolution R18-13 as follows: "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the qualified electors of the Town of Barnes here assembled in a Special Town Meeting this 20th day of November, 2018, to adopt the 2018 town tax levy to be paid in 2019 in the sum of \$812,592.00 which will be levied for the purpose of Operating Expenses for the year 2019."

Motion made (Tom Renz/Pat Johnston) to adopt Resolution 18-13. Vote by show of hands taken with 14 voting yes and 0 voting no. Motion carried.

The Special Town Meeting of the Electors was adjourned at 7:10PM.

At 7:11PM Chairman Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 10/16/2018 Monthly Board meeting and the 10/3, 10/11, 10/18, 10/23 and 10/30 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. The motion was amended to move the Fire Dept. report to follow Clerk Correspondence. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Town of Barnes 2019 Budget –

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to adopt the Town of Barnes budget of \$1,953,486 for fiscal year 2019. Voice vote taken with Emerson, Frint, Porter and Webb all voting yes to adopt the 2019 budget. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to open the floor to public comments. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Carol LeBreck-requested information regarding the April election (when nomination papers due, who is up for election, where are the documents found...). The clerk responded that an election notice will be published on November 24th in the Ashland Daily Press and posted online and at the 3 posting sites. The information requested is included in these notices. Nomination papers and declaration of candidacy forms can be obtained at the Clerk's office. The clerk stated some information is in the Calendar of Events but will add information to the town website.

Greg Martin-yard light near town hall needs to be repaired and requested that the snow be plowed farther back so there is more room for cars

Motion (Porter/Frint) to close the floor to public comments. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence-none reported

Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly Reports-Tom Renz

He requested board approval of the proposal from C & S Design and Engineering for architectural & engineering services for the new fire and ambulance hall. It will be addressed at the next town board meeting.

Voucher's Approval –

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

Clerk/Treasurer Reports provided by Judy Bourassa.

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

TOB Department Head Reports:

The Highway Department –

Discussion of equipment purchases-asphalt hauler, utility truck, truck box and installation of same

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to authorize the purchase of a new 2 ton asphalt hauler at a cost of \$14,400. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The board instructed the highway crew to continue researching the purchase of a utility truck.

Motion made (Frint/Porter) to purchase the truck box from Elderon Truck & Equipment at a cost of \$6,000 and the installation of same (cost to be determined). Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

The re-construction of Denver Rd was discussed. Chairperson Webb will arrange to have Morgan & Parmley here in the next week or so to make their recommendation. Northwoods Paving has provided a proposal for \$294,000 but there would be significant prep work to be completed, including installation of a culvert and possibly raising the roadbed

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

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

a) Transfer Site Committee –

1) Discussion of hiring Dave Schiess to manage brush pit burning

Jim Frint stated that Dave Schiess isn't interested in managing the brush pit so the highway department will have to manage it. They anticipate starting the burning next week and the gate will be locked during the burning.

b) Planning Commission – Tom Emerson

1) John Frierhood of Mulligan Creek Rd – request for Class A application to build in an F-1 district

2) Ryan & Patty Hunstad of 2995 Bony Lake Rd - request for Class A application to build a new boathouse and retaining wall

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to recommend approval of the Class A application for John Frierhood. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to recommend approval of the Class A application for Ryan & Patty Hunstad as long as the recommendations of Bayfield County are followed. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

c) Parks & Rec Committee

1) Tomahawk Lake Park update-the shell of the building has been constructed and the trusses

have been delivered. The board recognized both Guy and Pat Johnston for volunteering their time to assist with the construction and Josh Peterson, Zack Peterson, Tom Renz and Leevi Frint. The extension of the trail has been completed, though volunteers will continue to do some trimming. A trailhead parking permit is needed.

- 3) Parks update-2 picnics tables and a bike rack have been delivered and some exercise equipment has been ordered for the Town Park walking path.

Action Items/Timeline-the issues were reviewed

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

The Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.

Submitted by Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer