

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES  
2018 BUDGET HEARING,  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS,  
and MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday – November 21, 2017 at 6:00PM  
At Barnes Town Hall**

**(UNAPPROVED)**

At 6:00PM, Chairperson Chris Webb called the Annual Public Budget Hearing to order. Roll call was taken with Town Supervisors Donna Porter, Seana Frint, Zach Desrosiers 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 2018 Proposed Town Budget – Chairperson Webb reviewed the 2018 budget and presented a comparison to the 2017 budget. Electors asked questions regarding the budget.

The Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 6:43PM.

At 6:44PM the Special Town Meeting of the Electors was called to order. There were 13 Electors present.

Discussion of Board Chairperson and Supervisors salaries and per diem. Financial consideration of these items were last reviewed in 2004 and increased in 2005. Any change would be effective as the next election term begins for each position. Currently the supervisors receive \$400 per month and the chairperson receives \$900 per month. All receive \$20 for meetings 3 hours or less and \$40 for meetings over 3 hours. Board of Review meetings are paid a rate of \$35 per diem rates even though the meetings are in-house.

Chris Webb presented the choices for the method of voting on the 2017 tax levy, i.e. standing, hand count, or secret ballots. Attendees agreed on hand count for recording votes. Vote counters were asked for and Bill Pence and Greg Martin volunteered to count votes.

Webb read the language of Resolution R17-08 as follows: “BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the qualified electors of the Town of Barnes here assembled in a Special Town Meeting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017, to adopt the 2017 town tax levy to be paid in 2018 in the sum of \$510,352.00 which will be levied for the purpose of Operating Expenses for the year 2018.”

*Motion made (Bill Pence/Greg Martin) to adopt Resolution 17-08 approving the 2017 tax levy in the amount of \$510,352 to be paid in 2018. Vote by show of hands taken with 13 voting yes, and 0 voting no. Motion carried.*

Discussion of Board Chairperson and Supervisors salaries and per diem

Webb read the language of Resolution R17-11 as follows: “BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the qualified electors of the Town of Barnes here assembled in a Special Town Meeting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017 that: The salary of all Supervisors is set at \$440.00 per month. Per Diem wages will be paid in addition to the salary for out of town meetings only, at \$30.00 for meetings of 3 hours or less and \$50.00 for meetings over 3 hours. Board of Review meetings will be paid at the regular per diem rates even though the meetings are In-House.”

*Motion made (Lee Wiesner/Greg Martin) to adopt Resolution 17-11. Vote by show of hands taken with 13 voting yes and 0 voting no. Motion carried.*

Webb read the language of Resolution R17-12 as follows: "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the qualified electors of the Town of Barnes here assembled in a Special Town Meeting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017 that: The salary of the Chairperson is set at \$990.00 per month. Per Diem wages will be paid in addition to the salary for out of town meetings only, at \$30.00 for meetings of 3 hours or less and \$50.00 for meetings over 3 hours. Board of Review meetings will be paid at the regular per diem rates even though the meetings are In-House."

*Motion made (Cris Neff/Lee Wiesner) to adopt Resolution 17-12. 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 7:11PM.

At 7:12PM Chairman Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order.

*Motion made (Frint/Porter) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 10/17/2017 Monthly Board meeting and the two Special Board Meetings on 10/17 and meetings on 10/19, 10/24, 10/26 and 10/30 and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

Town of Barnes 2018 Budget –

*Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to adopt the Town of Barnes budget of \$1,699,389 for fiscal year 2018. Roll call vote taken with Desrosiers, Emerson, Frint, Porter and Webb all voting yes to adopt the 2018 budget. Motion carried.*

Public Comment Session – Lee Wiesner asked Eric Altman, Roads and Property Foreman, who the contractor is on the Lake Road Project because he felt they did a great job especially on the erosion control. Eric stated the contractor is A-1 Excavating Inc. and he agreed they did an excellent job. Greg Martin commented that it was a good idea that we hired an engineer for the project.

The Payment Application #1 from A-1 was discussed. A check for \$620,447.70 will be issued using funds transferred from the Money Market Account.

Clerk Correspondence

Copies of the forestry cutting notice was placed at the Town Hall entrance for public review

Consider approval of 2-year Operator's License for Lawrence Adolphson

*Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve a 1 year Operator's License for Lawrence Adolphson. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Adoption of Resolution 17-09 Treasurer's Tax Collection Bond: Annual Town obligation to Bayfield County of amount over Treasurer's Bond for property taxes.

*Motion made (Porter/Frint) to adopt Resolution 17-09 authorizing the bonding of the town treasurer. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.*

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/Desrosiers) to approve the Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

TOB Department Head Reports:

The Highway Department Monthly Roads Report was presented by Eric Altman. He stated that County Hwy N will be repaved in 2018. He believes that will be from Hwy 27 to Hwy A.

Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly Reports – Tom Renz – no report

Constable – Monthly Report from Constable Mike O'Keefe was read by Chairperson Webb

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

a) A.I.S. Committee – Lee Wiesner

1) Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant-due December 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting to prepare the application soon. Island Lake will be dropped next year, but they did get the needed hours at Robinson Lake.

2) Extension of Grants for Middle, Upper and George Lakes-not due until June but extensions will be requested again in 2018.

b) Planning Commission – Tom Emerson

1) G. Fred Barnes of 3955 Lake Rd – request for Class A application for a short term rental

2) Vince & Noelle Peterson of 55295 E. Valley Dr. - request for Class A application for a short term rental

1) Marion & Todd Koleski of 6530 County Rd. N - request for Class A application for a short term rental

*Motion made (Porter/Frint) to recommend approval of the Class A application for G. Fred Barnes. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to recommend approval of the Class A application for Marion & Todd Koleski. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

*Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to recommend approval of the Class A application for Vince & Noelle Peterson. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

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 7:55PM.

Submitted by Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer