

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

AT TOWN HALL, 3360 COUNTY HIGHWAY N, BARNES, WI

[APPROVED]

Agenda

1. Roll Call to establish a Quorum/ Verification of Public Notice

Chairperson Lu Peet called the March Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:37p.m. Roll Call was taken to establish a quorum; members of the Board present were: Jack Meinke, Chris Webb, Mitch McGee, Donna Porter and Lu Peet. Also in attendance was Town staff: Steve Baldwin, Clerk-Treasurer; Brenda Bakke, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Bob Lang, Roads & Property Foreman; and Tom Renz, Fire Chief & Ambulance Director. Baldwin verified for Peet that the meeting notice had been posted per State Statutes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Chairperson Lu Peet led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Motion to approve the Agenda, approve the minutes of the February Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Motion by Supervisor Chris Webb, seconded by Supervisor Jack Meinke to approve the Agenda, approve the minutes of the February Board meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Motion carried.

4. Bids Review & possible action to Purchase New TOB 4x4 Ambulance (3 Bids):

- EVEREST EMERGENCY VEHICLES, ST. PAUL, MN: BOB HASELMAN \$161,667.
- POMASL FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC., ANTIGO, WI: DAN POMASL \$169,795.
- BRAUN AMBULANCES-NORTH CENTRAL AMB., LESTER PRAIRIE, MN: ANDY HEIMERL \$185,515.

Ambulance company salesman attended the meeting and brought their ambulances. The salesmen each highlighted the features of their respective ambulances, then Board members went outside to view them. Recommendation for purchase from Tom Renz, Fire Chief was asked. Fire Chief Renz briefly discussed the pros and cons of each ambulance, and then gave his opinion based on his feelings as well as those of BES Staff members with whom he had met with to review bids and ambulance features.

Motion to proceed with ambulance purchase per the recommendation of the BES Staff of the Pomasl ambulance was made by Supervisor Chris Webb. Motion seconded by Supervisor Donna Porter.

Donna Porter brought up more information included in the Braun bid regarding discounts available.

Motion to table final ambulance purchase decision for further review was made by Supervisor Mitch McGee. Motion seconded by Supervisor Chris Webb. Motion carried.

5. Voucher's Approval

Clerk-Treasurer Baldwin noted that this month's paid Vendor vouchers were significantly higher than usual due to monies paid out the new truck chassis (\$94,723.00) for the Highway Dept.

Supervisor Donna Porter notes she needs to review not previously seen vouchers for BES January payroll.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented made by Supervisor Chris Webb, seconded by Supervisor Donna Porter; Motion carried.

6. Clerk-Treasurer Report:

a.) Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as read was made by Supervisor Chris Webb. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Jack Meinke. Motion Carried.

b.) Property Tax Settlement – Clerk-Treasurer Baldwin reviewed the Property Tax Collection Report as given to the Board citing 1,726 payments were made totaling \$2,199,017.20 collected.

c.) Appointment of Brenda Bakke as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Motion to appoint Brenda Bakke as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer made by Supervisor Donna Porter, seconded by Supervisor Jack Meinke; Motion carried.

d.) Approval of 2-Year Operator's License for Robert E. Anderson

Motion to approve 2-Year Operator's License for Robert Anderson was made by Supervisor Mitch McGee, seconded by Chris Webb. Motion Carried.

e.) Website: Board Approval for Posting Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve posting Board Meeting Minutes on the Town Website made by Supervisor Mitch McGee. Motion seconded by Jack Meinke. Motion carried.

7. Department Head Reports

a.) Highway Department – Bob Lang read the March Monthly Roads Report – See Attached

- **Authorize Bob Lang as Town Agent to work with Bayfield County Zoning to re-zone the approx. 30 acres of Town Property at 3360 Co. Rd. N currently zoned RRB to Municipal.**

Motion to authorize Bob Lang as Town Agent to work with Bayfield County Zoning Department was made by Mitch McGee, seconded by Chris Webb. Motion carried.

- **Prescription Safety Glasses for Town Employees** – Request is made to provide prescription safety glasses for the Highway Dept. The work performed by those employees justifies a need for safety eyewear.

Motion to approve safety eyewear for Highway Dept. and Firefighters with a need for such made by Supervisor Mitch McGee and seconded by Supervisor Donna Porter. Roll Call vote was taken with all voting yes.

- **Annual Town of Barnes Clean-Up Campaign** – Reminder that April is the month for TOB spring clean-up for roadsides, Parks, and boat landings. For more information see the Town Website at www.barnes-wi.com and click on Community Events on the Homepage. You will find the current road and pledge lists, and sign-up information.

b.) Fire and Ambulance Department – Tom Renz read the Monthly Fire & Ambulance Report – See Attached.

- **Darley Fire Pump Repair Proposal from Big Water Fire Apparatus** – Tom Renz explained what is wrong with the fire truck. He also explained the repair proposal provided was a high end estimate and that hopefully the repair costs would be less than that. Tom Renz and Bob Lang agreed that the Highway Department pick-up truck would be made available to the Fire Department during the repair to haul the extrication equipment in case of emergencies.

Motion to approve getting the fire truck repaired was made by Donna Porter and seconded by Jack Meinke. Roll call vote was taken with voting yes.

c.) Constable – Monthly Constable’s Report from Mike O’Keefe was presented by Steve Baldwin. – See Attached.

- 8. Jim Bakken-Ayres Associates: Federal Grant Approval and Bid Process for Construction of New Upper Eau Claire Lake Boat Landing** – Jim Bakken reports that the Town of Barnes has received a Federal Grant to pay for the remaining costs for the planned boat landing for Upper Eau Claire Lake. The building process is planned to begin after the Labor Day holiday weekend and will last approximately 2 months. Contractors will be required to provide a Certificate of Insurance showing financial responsibility, and would be paid incremental payments with the last payment to be paid after project completion.

Motion to open the floor for discussion made by Supervisor Chris Webb, and seconded by Donna Porter. Motion Carried.

Greg Marten brought up the issue of *Upper Eau Claire Lake Boat Landing will have to close early this year and boat owners wishing to remove their boats from Upper Eau Claire Lake will have to do so prior to construction.*

Motion to close floor to discussion was made by Supervisor Donna Porter, and seconded by Supervisor Chris Webb. Motion Carried.

9. Committee and Commission Reports

- **Building Maintenance Committee: Planning Phase – Agreement with C&S Design & Engineering for Concept Designs & Cost Estimate for New Office Building** – Mike Tremblay reports that per agreement, C&S Design & Engineering will provide conceptual drawings to the Building Committee in early May for their review. After reviewing, the committee will then give C&S their input on the design ideas and the bid process would then follow.
- **Aquatic Invasive Species** – Nothing to Report
- **Cemetery Sexton & Committee** – Dave Scheiss is re-working a deed with a family. No other business to report.
- **Parks & Recreation Committee** – No meeting required, nothing to report.
- **Land Use Planning Commission** – No meeting required, nothing to report

- 10. Review Kevin Shriver’s Proposed Plan & Route for May 26th Barnes Tomahawk Park Triathlon** – Only road crossing will be on Moore Rd. Shriver will have cross guards at this intersection of trail and road. Tom Renz states water safety needs to be provided also. Shriver is looking for volunteers to man a boat in Tomahawk Lake in the event someone

needs assistance. A copy of the brochure and entry form will be available in The Blog and on the Town Website under Community Events.

11. **Discuss possible action on new Snowmobile Ordinance (per State Statute 350.18(3)(a) to open and allow sleds on the highway right of way for County Hwy N from Pease Rd. to Hwy A and Hwy A to Kickapoo Trail. – See Attached**

Motion to approve Ordinance made by Supervisor Jack Meinke, and seconded by Supervisor Chris Webb. Roll Call vote taken with all voting yes.

12. **Loren Bohl, President Lake Country ATV Club: Add new ATV Route to current Ordinance. – See Attached**

Motion to approve change to Ordinance made by Supervisor Chris Webb, and seconded by Supervisor Mitch McGee. Roll Call vote was taken with all voting yes.

13. **Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on the Agenda**

Henry Aukee – Suggestion made to put up a street light at the corner of Barnes Rd. and County Hwy N.

Gladys Aukee – Suggests to the Board Members that they use their microphones more efficiently as people on the floor cannot hear them.

Mike & Suzette Tremblay – Safety issues at the first corner on E. Idlewild Rd. from Lake Rd. Bob Lang stated he will brushout the corner to provide better visibility.

14. **Issues Timeline Update** – The Board reviewed the issues timeline. Updates to be added to the Building Maintenance and Boat Landings as discussed in these Meeting Minutes.

15. **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn the March 2013 Monthly Town Board Meeting made by Supervisor Jack Meinke, and seconded by Supervisor Chris Webb; Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.