

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – October 15, 2013 at 6:30PM
At Barnes Town Hall**

1) Call Meeting to Order and do Roll Call to establish a Quorum & Verification of Public Notice

Chairperson Tom Krob welcomed everyone. Krob then called the reconvened Open Session of the October Board Meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Roll call had been taken at the earlier meeting and a quorum had been established. Attendees consisted of Chairperson Krob, Supervisors Meinke, Webb, Porter and McGee. Town Staff attendee was Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Vogel. Bakke was absent. Joining the Open Session were Roads & Property Foreman Bob Lang and Fire Chief and Ambulance Director Tom Renz. Vogel verified for Krob that the meeting notice had been posted in accordance with State Statutes.

2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

All stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3) Motion to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of previous Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Motion made (Porter/Meinke) to approve the agenda and the Minutes of the September 17, 2013 and October 2, 2013 meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

4) Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda

Maureen Fullington spoke on the Outlet Bay Road bridge, her expectations that the engineering report would be complete, and the bridge would be safe to drive across. Lang had said it was not even safe to walk across, the corner is unsafe, but there has been no data to back this up. In the 11 years they've owned the resort there has not be one incident, no one has even slid in the ditch.

Bob Koser spoke on the Outlet Bay Road bridge as well. Stated he was speaking for the majority. In the 2½ years the bridge has been closed to traffic there's never been a statement from the Board explaining why they closed the bridge or wanted it torn out. Requested the Board's criteria for their decision to close the bridge.

5) Norvado – additional fiber optics in Barnes

A representative from Finley Engineering/Norvado requested approval of permit to lay fiber in the area of George Lake Road, Gronemus Road to Loon Lake Road. 16 mile project to start October 28, 2013, encompasses both Barnes and Highland. Krob will circulate permit to Board and it will be available for pick-up in the Clerk's office.

6) Voucher's Approval – Discuss/Motion to Approve September Vouchers

Motion made (Webb/McGee) to approve the September vouchers. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

7) Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke

a) Treasurer's Report

Vogel read the September Treasurer's Report.

Motion made (Webb/McGee) to approve the September Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

1) Funding for WTA Conference

Krob discussed his attendance at the upcoming WTA Conference on October 27-29. Requested the Town cover registration and hotel fees, and he would cover mileage and per diem. Krob also stated he would present a summary of the Conference to the Board members.

Motion made (Porter/McGee) to pay registration and hotel fees for Krob to attend the WTA Conference. Roll call vote was taken. Krob abstained from the vote while the remainder of the Board voted yes. Motion carried.

b) Clerk Correspondence

1) Tri-State Business Supply – Printer/Copier Lease

Vogel presented the Printer/Copier lease extension for 36 months prepared by Tri-State Business Systems. Board requested rates for 12 and 24 month lease as well and will discuss at the budget meeting.

2) HCCU CD Interest Rates and decision to move money into a new CD

Current interest rates were presented but it was decided to discuss at the budget meeting.

3) Citizen's Request for Service

Gary Jordheim requested gravel for the entrance to his driveway after work was done on Idlewild Road. A load of gravel was delivered and Mr. Jordheim redistributed as necessary.

Jim Waletzko wanted to discuss drainage problems at his lot on E. Island Drive. Lang visited the property with Mr. Waletzko and discussed the problems with owning the lowest lot in the area and discussed options. No action was taken.

Mike Ryan questioned snow plowing on the island in Potawatomi. Lang contacted Mr. Ryan and responded that it was a private road, therefore the Town does not plow it.

Tom Benson donated his old shack on County Highway A to the fire department to practice firefighting techniques. Both Renz and Nowaczyk visited the site and will contact Mr. Benson to discuss the possibility.

4) Forestry Notices

No notices to report.

8) TOB Department Head Reports:

a) Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report – Bob Lang

Lang read his report.

1) Purchase of Front End Loader for snowplowing

Lang discussed the purchase of a new front end loader as the current end loader is a 2000 model and expected life-span is 15 years. Cat is offering a great incentive now with \$43,000 in savings. It would offer greater visibility and maneuverability at intersections and would allow roads in Potawatomi to get plowed quickly.

Motion made (McGee/Webb) to purchase Cat Front End Loader.

Krob voiced concerns about another major purchase, but considering the good trade-in price, better maneuverability, turning radius and traction, agrees it's a good time to purchase. Total cost is \$84,000 with the trade.

Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

2) Discussion of Town bridge inspections

Discussion ensued over doing bridge inspections piecemeal or all three at one time; River Road, Lake Road and South Shore Road. Lang stated there are no deficits on the South Shore Road bridge so only the other two will require an inspection. Further discussion will occur during the budget meetings.

b) Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Tom Renz

Renz read his report. Also stated that budget figures for 2014 were submitted to Bakke.

c) Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O’Keefe

Krob read the Constable report.

9) TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

a) Building Maintenance Committee: Mike Tremblay

Mr. Tremblay was not present; no report was given.

b) Transfer Site Committee: – Mitch McGee

McGee stated nothing to report.

c) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ingemar Ekstrom

As the AIS Committee meeting will be held October 21st, Ekstrom will make his report at the November 19th Town Board Meeting.

d) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess

Schiess reported the surveyor is working on the cremation subdivision and should finish by October 17, 2013.

e) Parks & Recreation Committee: Donna Porter

Porter stated nothing to report. She also requested that this committee be removed from the agenda until April 2014.

f) Land Use Planning Commission: Dave Pease

Pease called in to state there is nothing to report.

10) Upper Eau Claire Lake Boat Ramp update

Jim Bakken from Ayres Associates reported problems with the land portion of the concrete slab poured last week. It was agreed that 15 feet would be sawed off, re-poured and smoothed to meet existing slab. Waiting on results of wetland delineation report as well.

11) Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge inspection report and discussion of bridge status with possible action

Meinke read engineering report received from Ayres Associates. Krob stated that based on the report the bridge is structurally safe.

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

Much discussion ensued as to whether the bridge is safe or unsafe, how much it would cost to do minor repairs or if costs can be spread out, when it can be opened to traffic.

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

Krob stated he has sent an email to Tom Toepfer, Highway Commissioner, Bayfield County, questioning if County can do repairs or recommend contractors. Webb stated we would get estimates, check on stop signs to slow down traffic in that narrow area, pricing to fix the entire bridge. Meinke stressed the safety issues surrounding the bridge. Will wait to receive Mr. Toepfer’s response.

12) Discussion of possible creation of committee for development of tourism and business

Webb stated the Barnes Area Development Corp and the Eau Claire Lakes Conservation Club already exist, could they be expanded.

Motion made (Porter/Meinke) to open the floor. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Business owners brought up existing business association, Cable After 5, Chamber of Commerce, etc. Businesses need to be promoted with the Town’s help, need to develop activities to draw people to Barnes, e.g., bike-a-thon, triathlon, canoe races, hiking/biking trails, etc., with the aid of a promoter, marketing, use of the comprehensive land use plan. Should the town form a committee or the businesses form a committee. Krob stated the hall is available for meetings, the Barnes website is available, the

committee should consist of a wide diversity of members and well as a member of the Board. It will be left up to the businesses to get a list of interested people to join.

Motion made (Webb/Meinke) to support tourism committee in the Town of Barnes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

13) Discussion of possible change of Monthly Board Meeting date for January 2014

Krob has a conflict for the January 21, 2014 Monthly Board Meeting and requested a date change.

Motion made (McGee/Porter) to change the January 21, 2014 Board Meeting to January 14, 2014. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

14) Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

a) Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

Webb requested the building maintenance plan be presented to the Board.

15) Adjourn

Motion made (Meinke/McGee) to adjust the October 15, 2014 Monthly Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy E. Vogel
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Barnes
This 21st day of October, 2014