

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

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

At Town Hall, 3360 County Highway N, Barnes, WI

- 1. Call the Monthly Town Board meeting to order and do roll call to establish a Quorum and Verification of Public Notice**

Chairperson Tom Krob called the July Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Still present from the Special Board Meeting which went back into open session were: Supervisors Jack Meinke, Chris Webb, Mitch McGee, Donna Porter and Chairperson Tom Krob. Also in attendance were Town staff: Brenda Bakke, Clerk/Treasurer; Dorothy Vogel, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; Bob Lang, Roads & Property Foreman, and Tom Renz, Fire Chief and Ambulance Director. Bakke verified for Krob that the meeting notice had been posted per State Statutes.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** Krob led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Motion to approve the Agenda, the Minutes of the previous Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.**

Motion was made by Webb/Porter to approve the Agenda, approve the Minutes of the June Monthly and Special Board meetings and to dispense with the reading of those Minutes. Motion carried.

- 4. Public Comment Section – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda:**

Susan Pagnucci – thanked the Park Committee, great new equipment in the Park. Expressed concerns with 4th of July parade becoming more of a “water fight” than a parade.

Numerous people talked about using bridge on Outlet Bay Road as walking route, does it have to come down. Guests from Deer Grove resort use it a lot. Bridge was used as a shortcut for many years. Can a footbridge be installed over the river? Also concerns with lack of respect for no parking area posted on Lake Rd, lots of garbage left in the area.

- 5. Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge Project – Ben Dufford, Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation:** Ben provided details of his area of responsibility, works with DNR for permits and some equipment, Town foots a large part of the bill, County could offset some costs through grants. Needs board approval to go ahead with project to restore embankment. Ben presented a draft design.

Motion was made by Webb/Krob to open floor to discussion of Bridge Project. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Comments from audience include requesting costs for a footbridge versus replacing the bridge and discussion of costs to replace the bridge and open the road to traffic. Bob Lang reminded everyone the decision was made back in September 2011 to remove the bridge without replacement. Bridge is currently closed to foot traffic as it is totally unsafe.

Motion was made by Webb/Porter to close the floor. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Webb/Porter to approve Bob Lang to handle negotiations with Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation project costs and approve the plan presented by Ben Dufford. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

6. **4th Quarter Refuse Pick-Up Proposals**
Allied Waste –Michelle Ladehoff presented proposal.
Waste Management – Darrell Hoekstra presented proposal.
Discussion ensued regarding specifics of proposals. McGee indicated Transfer Site Committee has not met yet to discuss.
Motion was made by Webb/Meinke to table decision to a later meeting. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
7. **Voucher’s Approval – Discuss/Motion to Approve June Vouchers:**
Motion was made by McGee/Porter to approve vouchers. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
8. **Clerk/Treasurer Report:**
- a. **Treasurer’s Report:** Brenda Bakke read report aloud.
Motion was made by Webb/Meinke to approve the Treasurer’s report as read. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Auditor’s Update:** Bakke reports the Auditor has confirmed the 2012 audit report will be completed in approximately 2 weeks.
- c. **Barnes Lions Club Temporary Liquor License (Picnic License) Approval:**
Motion was made by Webb/Porter to approve temporary Class B Liquor License for August 10 and 11, 2013. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
- d. **Operators Licenses Approval:**
Motion was made by Webb/McGee to renew 2 year Renewal Licenses for David Basacker, Connie Richards and James Wiechert. Applications and fees should be returned to Richard and Judy Larson as their current operator licenses are valid until 2014. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
- e. **2013-2014 Liquor Licensing Summary:** Brenda Bakke noted revenues generated from liquor licenses are higher than budgeted.
9. **TOB Department Head Reports:**
- a. **Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report – Bob Lang.** Report was read aloud by Bob Lang. Work on Barnes Road has generated an additional \$8,000 plus another week of work to add to the base after the blacktop was pulverized, but will still be within the budget.
- 1) **Point O Pines Rd:** ongoing project.
- 2) **Holly Rd. – Request by Steve Ellenson to make Holly Rd. a Town road:** Road has to be brought up to town road standards in order for the town to take it over. A letter containing the specs will be sent to Mr. Ellenson.
- 3) **ATV Signs:** Discussion ensued over combining ATV and snowmobile signs.
Motion was made by Krob/Porter to open floor to discussion. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
Comments from audience included discussion of “access” versus “route” terminology for snowmobile use.
Motion was made by Krob/Porter to close the floor. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
Motion was made by Webb/Meinke to table the ATV issue to a later meeting. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
- b. **Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Tom Renz:** Report was read aloud by Tom Renz.

- 1) Request Board approval to hire DuWayne A. Bronson to EMT position after training
Motion was made by Webb/McGee to approve DuWayne Bronson as an EMT. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
 Renz requested approval of Brenda Bakke as an EMT so she can sign up for training.
Motion made by Porter/McGee to approve Brenda Bakke. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
- c. Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O’Keefe – Report was read aloud by Tom Krob.
10. TOB Committee and Commission
 - a.) Building Maintenance Committee: plan to present prospective new office plan at August Monthly Meeting – Mike Tremblay: No report.
 - b.) Transfer Site Committee – Mitch McGee: Committee did not meet.
 - c.) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ingemar Ekstrom Tomahawk Lake received spot treatment 7-16-13. Shoreline monitoring class on 8-1-13. Grant for 2014 Clean Boat Clean Water program received and ready for signatures. Looking for volunteers for boat monitors.
Motion was made by McGee/Meinke to authorize grant and designate Krob as signer on grant. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
 - d.) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess_Dave presented estimate to subdivide 4 cemetery plots into 96 cremation plots. Requested recommendation from Board whether to subdivide 1, 2, 3 or 4 plots.
Motion was made by McGee/Meinke to go forward with all 4 cremation plots and authorize retainer fee of \$400 be paid. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
 - e.) Parks & Recreation Committee: Donna Porter Thanked Bob Lang, Dave Schiess and Jerry Witt for getting the new playground equipment set up in the Park by the 4th of July.
 - f.) Land Use Planning Commission: Dave Pease No agenda items this month.
11. Last Month’s Meeting Follow-Up –
 - a.) Upper Eau Claire Lake Boat Launch Project – Reminder that Boat Launch Closes Tuesday, September 3rd for Project start up. Upper boat launch will be closed until project completion (approximately 2 months).
12. Town Board Issues Timeline Log – Review & Update
 - a.) Michelle Ruprecht – Special Use hobby farm permit at 3135 South Shore Rd. to be reviewed No new complaints received.
Motion was made by McGee/Webb to allow continuation of permit for remainder of the year. Roll call was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
13. Adjourn
Motion was made by Meinke/Webb to Adjourn the July 16, 2013 Monthly Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.