

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

Tuesday, April 23th, 2013 at 6:30PM

At Barnes Town Hall – 3360 County Hwy N – Barnes, WI

(APPROVED)

- 1) Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call to establish a Quorum & Verification of Public Notice:**
Chairperson Tom Krob called the April Monthly Board Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum established. Members of the Town Board present were: Jack Meinke, Chris Webb, and Mitch McGee. Donna Porter was absent for purposes of EMT Training. Also in attendance were Town Staff Members: Brenda Bakke, Town Clerk-Treasurer; Bob Lang, Roads & Property Foreman; and Tom Renz, Fire & Ambulance Director. Bakke verified for Krob that the meeting notice had been posted in accordance with State Statutes.

- 2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag:** Krob led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

- 3) Motion to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the March 2013 and April Board Meetings Minutes and to dispense with the reading of those minutes.**
Motion was made by Meinke/Webb to approve the Minutes of the March Meeting and dispense with the reading of the Minutes. Motion carried.

- 4) Voucher's Approval – Discuss/Motion to Approve March Vouchers:**
Webb asked for confirmation that ambulance chassis down payment check had been sent to Pomasl Emergency Equipment. Bakke said she would double check and email confirmation to the Board. Krob asked for further discussion on vouchers; Meinke, Webb, and McGee declined further discussion.
Motion (Webb/McGee) to approve the March Vouchers. Roll Call vote with all present voting yes; motion carried.

- 5) Clerk/Treasurer Report:**
 - a) Treasurer's Report**
Bakke read the Treasurer's report noting we have two CD's that expire in May in the amounts of \$159,206.00 and \$107,806.00. Board discussed rolling said CD's over into 18 Month CD's.
Motion was made (Webb/McGee) to rollover each of these CD's upon expiration into 18 Month CD's. Roll Call vote with all present voting yes; motion carried.
Webb questioned whether the Auditor had filed Tax Schedule C with the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue. Bakke confirmed it had been filed timely.
Motion was made (Webb/Meinke) to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Roll Call vote with all present voting yes; motion carried.
 - b) Timber cutting Notices from County Clerk**
Timber cutting were read for the NW and NE quarters of the SW quarter of Section 35 in Range 9W, and NW quarter of the SE quarter of Section 35 in Range 9W.
 - c) DNR request to assign Tom Krob as official signature authority on Financial Grant Paperwork**
Motion (Webb/McGee) to make a Board Resolution appointing Tom Krob as the official signatory for the Town of Barnes on Grant Financial Paperwork. Roll Call vote with all present voting yes; motion carried.
 - d) Set dates for Open Book and Board of Review**
Bakke proposed scheduling per Auditors' date requests for Open Book to be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 2:00 pm – 4:00pm, and Board Of Review to be held on June 8, 2013 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Motion (McGee/Meinke) made to approve requested dates for Open Book and Board of Review. Roll Call vote taken with all present voting yes; motion carried.

6) TOB Department Head Reports:

a) Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report – Bob Lang

Lang requests the Board meet and look at the new Western Star dump/plow truck after it arrives.

1) Possible creation of new Town Road between Moore Rd. and Webster Rd.

New road would be 1/1/2 mi. long creating a shortcut. The Forestry Dept. would do stump removal and the Town would incur approx. 40 hrs. of grading time (\$90/hr. including grader & operator).

Motion (McGee/Webb) to approve Bob Lang to continue discussion with Bayfield County regarding creating a new road between Moore Rd. and Webster Rd. Roll call vote taken with all present voting yes; motion carried.

2) Possible tree removal along Bony Lake Rd.

Lang suggests clearing an additional 15 ft. approximately along Bony Lake Rd. now while it would be most cost effective because the loggers are still working in that area. Discussion only with Board members stating they felt it was too short of a notice to the property owners.

b) Fire and Ambulance Departments – Monthly Report – Tom Renz

Renz reports Highway Dept. did a great job plowing roadway for Fire Dept. to attend to a house fire, and compliments Firefighters on their excellent work preventing the house from completely burning to the ground. Iron River Fire and Drummond Fire provided mutual aid.

c) Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O’Keefe

Tom Krob read the Constable’s report.

7) TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

a) Building Maintenance Committee: Mike Tremblay reports there have been no changes since the annual meeting.

b) Transfer Site Committee: Bob Lang reports that due to the volume of business at the Transfer Site a second seasonal employee will be starting to assist on Saturdays.

c) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ingemar Ekstrom reports that the Triathlon route needs to be changed so it does not cross private property between Sandbar and Tomahawk Lakes. He also advises canoes/kayaks cannot go between the lakes without being checked for invasive species and cleaned before entering the second lake. Ingemar suggests that the route be changed to two tours of Tomahawk Lake.

d) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess – There is a need for more cremation lots. Cemetery has two big lots that could be divided into cremation lots.

Motion (Webb/Meinke) to approve Schiess proceeding with plan for additional cremation lots. Roll call vote taken all present voting yes. Motion carried.

e) Parks & Recreation Committee: no new business

f) Land Use Planning Commission: Dave Pease

1) Re-zoning application for property owned by Town of Barnes – Commission recommends application approval proposed re-zoning plan.

Motion (Webb/Meinke) to approve re-zoning application. Roll call vote with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

2) James & Carol McCarthy cabin building application for an F-1 (Forestry-1) district – Commission recommends approval.

Motion (Webb/McGee) to approve McCarthy building application. Roll call vote taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

8) Last Month’s Meeting Follow-up

a) Ambulance purchase decision – Renz summarized ambulance purchase decision.

b) Employee safety glass policy for TOB employees with the necessity for safety eyewear. Safety glass policy approves bifocals and tints. Firefighters must get fire safety goggles. All safety

glasses must be OSHA approved and meet ansi standard. Quality Eyewear in Hayward approved as vendor.

- c) **Upper Eau Claire Lake Boat Launch** – Contractor Insurance Thresholds necessary to be obtained from insurance carrier and forwarded to Jim Bakken.

9) Safety Ordinance and parking on Lake Rd. – Discussion sign placement and safety issues.

Motion (McGee/Meinke) to table further discussion and any decisions until Board visits site.

10) Banner Committee - Marcia Ritter gave a status update

11) Larry Wolter – Wolter request for Point-O-Pines Rd. become an ATV route.

Motion (McGee/Webb) to approve Ordinance change adding Point O Pines Rd. to approved ATV routes. Roll Call vote taken with all present voting yes. Motion carried.

12) Steve Overum – Point-O-Pines Rd. options – Overum presents possible options for Point O Pines Rd.

Motion (Webb/Meinke) to table further discussion until after the scheduled July 6th meeting with land owners. Motion Carried.

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

Greg Martin requests Town extend spring cleanup of roads through May 12th due to the late spring, and asks if Town is providing trash bags as in the past.

14) Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

Action needs to be taken to terminate service agreement with Waste Management. Letter of cancellation to be sent.

15) Adjourn –

Motion (Meinke/McGee) to adjourn Monthly Board Meeting; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Bakke
Barnes Clerk-Treasurer