



MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE

October 7, 2025

Members present were Jim Frint, Jeff Jordheim, Mark Holm, Doug Westerberg, Chris Lane, Jack Gribble

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm, quorum established by roll call

Motion to approve minutes of 9/9/2025 passed (Lane/Gribble), no changes

Old Business

Lake Road and structure

Due its size, the Lake Road bridge is referred to by the state as a *structure* rather than a bridge. LRIP has been applied for with hopes for 70/30 sharing. ARIP (Agricultural Roads Improvements Program) is not available by definition.

Mowing and brushing

Committee is satisfied that current mowing and brushing is adequate within current operator and equipment resources. Continuing efforts for improvement will depend on possibility of hiring additional staff.

Outlet Bay road

Jeff has proposed budget of \$97,000 for badly needed work on this aging, rough road. Possible to submit for LRIP.

South Shore road

Heavy truck traffic is causing damage to road surface and edges. Jeff proposes drafting an application to have the road listed as class B (46,000 lb weight limit). Committee informally approved of doing so.

New Business

Snow removal

Committee reviewed in detail the township's official documented policy on snow removal and winter season safety needs – including but not limited to definitions, supervision responsibilities, moisture content, snow accumulation thresholds, ice conditions, operator licensing, township structures, mailbox damage, de-icing materials, and property owner snowplowing. Highway department intends to strictly adhere to written guidelines. Our sense, based on informal feedback, is that the town's snow management practices are deemed more than satisfactory by citizenry.

Structures and culverts

There is a lack of historical documentation in regard to placement of certain road structures, most importantly culverts, in the town. When a culvert is hidden and location unclear, the result can be damage to equipment as well as the structure itself. Committee feels further research is warranted.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Lane/Westerberg) passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted Mark Holm, recorder

Next meeting to be scheduled as needed

