



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

September 9, 2025

Members present were Jeff Jordheim, Jim Frint, Doug Westerberg, Jack Gribble, Mark Holm
Meeting called to order at 6:29 pm, quorum established by roll call
Motion to approve minutes of 8/15/2025 passed (Westerberg/Holm), no changes

Chip seal Ellison, Point of Pines, Fahrner

Progressing well. First coat completed, second coat upcoming. Would consider also double chip seal for Walter Road

Lake Road bridge

There is a lack of historical data regarding construction of this bridge which hinders a valid assessment of its condition. There is scouring of the base which may be causing minor settling. This type of scouring is often common on many bridges and usually is not a concern. Additional inspection by Cedar Corp may be warranted, along with close monitoring, but Cedar has deemed the bridge currently safe for use.

River Road bridge

Difficult to move forward regarding the obvious damage to this bridge because of aforementioned concerns with Lake Road bridge -- added to substantial cost of replacing or rebuilding. Further inspection by Cedar is recommended by the Barnes highway department.

Committee has reviewed and strongly encourages town board to be aware of wide divergence of public opinion on closing or repair of the bridge.

Driveway ordinance

Thorough discussion including but not limited to grade requirements, setback requirements, access by emergency vehicles, and existing township regulations. Committee conjectures that the township is rife with driveways lacking proper construction. Concurrently we may be without a good system for policing. Uncertainty over who is responsible and whether fines can/should be levied.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Westerberg/Holm) passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted Mark Holm, recorder

Next meeting Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 6:30pm at township garage