

TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – January 21, 2025 at 6:30PM
At Barnes Town Hall

Approved

The **Town Board Meeting** was called to order by Seana Frint at 6:30PM. Roll call was done to establish a Quorum with Seana Frint, Jim Frint, Dave Scully and Eric Neff in attendance, Chairman Tom Renz was absent. Clerk Kari Hufnagle verified notice of the meeting.

Pledge Allegiance to the flag

Motion was made by Dave Scully to approve the Agenda and the Minutes from the 12/17/2024 Monthly Board meeting and the Budget hearing and Meeting of the Electors 12/30/2024 minutes, seconded by Eric Neff.

Public Comment Session: None

Clerk Correspondence: None

Cedar Corp did now attend the meeting to give any updates.

Bill and Kelly Webb asked the board to approve the opening of roads to ATVs: The intersection of HWY N and Kickapoo Rd to Pease RD. And the second being Cty Rd A and Hwy N to Eight Mile Rd.

A motion was made by Eric to allow the requested Rd's to be open for ATV travel, seconded by Dave.

Cedar Corp did now attend the meeting to give any updates.

A motion was made by Eric to approve the Permit for tax ID 1767, seconded by Dave Seana.

The discussion on the school of Drummond donation was tabled until February Board meeting.

A motion was made by Dave to approve the December vouchers, seconded by Eric.

Treasurer's Report: As of December 31st, the balance in the general checking account was \$339,925.19. The Money market savings balance is \$442,425.47. Taste of Barnes \$5,011.21, PayPal \$6,239.56 and the tax account \$672,768.38. Total in all accounts, \$955460.87 interest earned in Dec. \$523.44 for a total YTD of \$7,813.68.

A motion was made by Dave Scully to approve the December Treasurer Report, seconded by Jim Frint.

A motion was made by Dave to open the floor at 6:55pm, seconded by Jim.

A motion was made by Seana to close the floor at 7:00pm, seconded by Dave

The Highways department report was given by Jeff Jordheim:

- Review snow plowing policy. Discuss pushing/blowing snow onto town roads.
- Brushing and widening- vegetation of town roads.
- Contact with five residents asking for driveways to be sanded.
- There is a private company now doing sanding.

The transfer site report was given by Jeff Hong:

The transfer site had one 40 yard recycling compactor and one 30 yard open top trash container go out for service.

Fire Department report was given by Brock Frierhood

Calls: 0 calls

Working on switching the new tank and hose reel in the brush truck.

Tracks were put on the UTV.

5 members have started entry level firefighter class, scheduled to be done in April.

2 members just went to wildland MOU class. Already gearing up for wildland season. DNR is putting on some trainings, hope to get some members to.

A motion was made by Dave to approve the membership of Parker Roecker, seconded by Eric.

Ambulance report was given by Brett Frierhood

There have been 5 calls so far this year. We ended 2024 with a total of 112 calls. Ambulance personnel responded to 101 of those.

With some long-term snow on the ground snowmobiling is starting to pick up and several area departments have responded to crashes. Reminder for everyone to be safe out on the trails. Some initial work has been started to expand the USNG location sign program to area trails.

Tom and Courtney are attending the Wisconsin EMS Association annual conference in Green Bay this week. Northwood Tech has EMR classes upcoming in Maple and Minong, but we do not have anyone attending. Hallie has completed her EMT practical test and will be taking the written exam at the end of the month.

Work is progressing on the EMS Coordinator position at the County level. The position job description has been created and reviewed by service directors.

The timeline was reviewed: no changes

A motion made by Seana to Adjourn the Town Board meeting was made at 7:08pm, seconded by Dave.

*****DISCUSSION AND ACTION MAY OCCUR ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS*****

The Town Board reserves the right to solicit information only from Town Staff or Committee members present, without opening the floor to discussion.

Submitted by: Kari Hufnagle, Clerk-Treasurer PH: 715-795-2782 Fax: 715-795-2784 Email: clerk@townofbarneswi.gov