

**Special Town Board Meeting
and
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes**
Tuesday – February 11th, 2025
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall
Approved

Call to order the **Special Town Board Meeting** to order at 6:04pm. Roll call to establish a quorum with Chair Tom Renz, Jim Frint, Dave Scully and Eric Neff in attendance. Seana Frint was absent

Verification of public notice

A motion was made by Tom to approve Agenda for Special Town Board Meeting, and add Town of Barnes Employee issues and statute, roll call vote taken with all saying yes.

Closed session : As the governing body for the Town of Barnes, the Town Board will go into a closed session pursuant to the following: Deputy Clerk position and Town of Barnes EMT

- a) 230.01 Statement of policy. (1) It is the purpose of this chapter to provide state agencies with competent personnel who will furnish state services to citizens as fairly, efficiently and effectively as possible. (2) (a) It is the policy of the state and the responsibility of the director and the administrator to maintain a system of personnel management which fills positions in the classified service through methods which apply the merit principle, with adequate civil service safeguards. (b) It is the policy of this state to provide for equal employment opportunity by ensuring that all personnel actions including hire, tenure or term, and condition or privilege of employment be based on the ability to perform the duties and responsibilities assigned to the particular position without regard to age, race, creed or religion, color, disability, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or political affiliation. (bm) It is the policy of this state to recruit, select, and promote employees based on their relative skills, abilities, competencies, and knowledge, including using open processes to consider qualified applicants for initial employment.
- b) Wis. Stat § 19.85(f) “considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.”

A motion was made by Tom to go into closed session at 6:06pm, seconded by Dave.

A motion to return to open session for discussion and possible action from closed session was made by Eric, seconded by Dave.

A motion was made by Tom to allow a posting for the Deputy Clerk position, roll call vote was taken all voting yes.

A motion was made by Dave to terminate the Town of Barnes EMT discussed in closed session as of 02/12/2025, roll call vote was taken all voting yes.

A motion was made by Tom to adjourn the special meeting at 6:40pm, seconded by Eric.

Call to order the **Monthly Town Board Meeting** at 6:43pm. Roll call to establish a quorum with Chair Tom Renz, Jim Frint, Dave Scully and Eric Neff in attendance. Seana Frint was absent.

Verification of public notice

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

A motion was made by Dave to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 1/21/2025 Monthly Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes, seconded by Eric.

Public Comment Session- none

Clerk Correspondence- none

A motion was made by Tom to approve the Bayfield County Resolution, roll call vote taken all voting yes.

Town insurance renewals were tabled till the March meeting.

Overnight EMT wage was tabled

Drummond school donation was removed due to the school finding other financial options.

A motion was made by Eric to approve the January vouchers, seconded by Jim.

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31st, the balance in the general checking account was \$532,969.28. The Money market savings balance is \$418,511.41. Taste of Barnes \$5,261.21, PayPal \$6314.56 and the tax account \$2449,175.21. Total in all accounts, \$3,412,231.67. Interest earned in Jan. \$498.90 for a total YTD of \$498.90.

TOB Department Head Reports:

Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report-Jeff Jordheim

South Shore Bridge update from Cedar Corp: All paperwork has been turned over to Shawn H, the contact with the DNR. The paperwork has been passed on to a hydrologist. If the bridge is replaced it needs to follow Federal guidelines and some of the south bank will need to be removed. Which in turn can lower the channel/ river levels to the point landowner's shoreline would be changed. More riverbed would be exposed along with weeds and other vegetation.

With the lack of snow, right of way tree cutting will begin next week. Public, be aware of signage and equipment on the travel part of the roadway.

Cedar Corp has finished there report as the structural integrity of our current building. Structurally it is fine, but they did comment that the new sheet iron on the roof and side the walls, along with all the doors, plus the entry door needs to be replaced. Along with the furnace. The floor drains are giving way. Conversations were also about the septic fields, a sewer company from Cable has been contacted but services are not available till Spring.

A complete service has been done on the Holland tractor

A motion was made by Tom to open the floor at 7:05pm, seconded by Dave

Discussion on building a new Town garage or fixing what we have.

A motion was made by Eric to close the floor was made at 7:19pm

Transit Site Report-Jeff Hong

In February the transfer site had one 30 yard open top, and one 40 yard rash compactor serviced.

The transfer site purchased two propane heaters to keep the hydraulics on the compactors warm in the winter months.

A motion was made by Tom that brush dump users need to purchase a transfer site pass, seconded by Dave.

A roll call vote was taken rescind motion and table it for the March meeting, roll call vote taken all voting yes.

Fire Department – Monthly BES Report – Brock Frierhood

0 Calls to report

The fire department has 5 members who are going through entry level firefighter class, appears to be going well. The fire department is starting to prep and gear up for wildfire season.

Ambulance Department – Monthly BES Report – Brett Frierhood

There have been 7 calls since the last meeting. It has been a busy year so far with a total of 13 calls, all EMS related.

Training has been conducted on the Ferno Lifeline ARM and it is now carried on the ambulance. Tom attended the WEMSA conference and learned of a ventilation feedback device called the EOLife. The membership approved purchasing a training model for training purposes to improve our ventilation skills.

Congratulations to Hallie Skweres for completing the EMT class and obtaining her EMT license. The medical director quickly approved her credentialing and she has already been on a couple calls as an EMT.

Review Timeline

Jeff Johnson needs to be updated, he was reinstated last year.

Announce Employee of the year and Volunteer of the year at the next meeting.

Remove Ambulance referendum

Add fire commission

Town building committee needs to be added

A motion was made by Eric to Adjourn at 7:42pm, 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.

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