

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:30PM
At Barnes Town Hall

(UNAPPROVED)

At 6:35PM Chairman Krob called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Donna Porter, Tom Emerson, Seana Frint, Chris Webb and Tom Krob in attendance. Clerk Bourassa verified public notice.

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 01/17/17 Monthly Board meeting and the 01/16/17 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session – Jim Krook asked the board to work on keeping a post office box in Barnes.

Clerk Correspondence –

1. Review of insurance quotes

Motion made (Krob/Webb) to table the decision on the insurance quotes until the next monthly board meeting. Voice Vote was taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

2. Town of Barnes job application review/updates needed

Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to update the TOB job application to include an employment at will statement and the authorization to check criminal conviction records. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

3. Audit and Property Taxes update- all audit documents have been sent to the auditor ahead of schedule.
4. Town email accounts-Judy will work with Eric Altman to get his email address updated.

Voucher's Approval –January vouchers

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to approve January vouchers. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

1. January Treasurer's Report

Motion made (Webb/Krob) to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

The Highway Department Monthly Roads Report-Eric Altman

1. Lake Road Project update

A land swap has been agreed upon with the landowner and the town attorney is drafting the documents so bids will be going out in the near future. Eric Altman estimated the project will take two months. A timetable for startup was discussed with the project potentially not starting until after the 4th of July.

2. 43 Road update for snowmobile use

Due to logging on both the Bayfield County and Douglas County side of the trails, Tom Ruud, Get-Er-Done Snowmobile club advised that they will no longer be using the road for a trail this year.

Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly Reports-Tom Renz

1. Use of Town Hall kitchen for Emergency Food Prep

Motion made (Webb/Porter) that we allow the Town Hall to be used for emergency food prep in the case of an emergency situation. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Constable – Monthly Report from Constable Mike O’Keefe – read by Chairperson Tom Krob

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

a) Tourism Committee

1. Vatten Paddlar update

The event is scheduled for July 8th and is in need of an event coordinator. Registration is now open.

b) Transfer Site Committee-Tom Emerson

1. 2017 hours for backup attendant

Tom Emerson addressed the situation at the Transfer Site having two employees there for all the hours the Site is open. He proposed staggering attendant hours so that there are not two employees there all the time. It was also discussed setting a specific number of hours for the backup attendant and allowing the regular attendant to determine the backup attendant’s schedule. Clerk Bourassa will check to see how many hours the backup attendant worked last year. Gene Ratzel commented that the board should review some of the tapes because it’s unpredictable how busy they will be and Guy Johnston spoke in favor of having two employees there at all times. Tom Emerson will research this issue and report at the March meeting.

Motion made (Webb/Krob) that we table the discussion of hours at the transfer site until the March meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

2. Consider internet access

Chris Webb said the cost for internet and phone is \$59.99/month, just the phone is \$21.99/month. Gene Ratzel spoke in favor of adding internet access at the Transfer Site.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to pay the additional \$38/month to add internet. Voice vote taken with Chris Webb abstaining. No opposition. Motion carried.

Planning Commission –

1. Class B Special Use Request-Robert & Jennifer St. Arnold’s request to vacate a previous decision

Motion made (Porter/Webb) to approve the recommendation to vacate the previous decision for the Class B Special Use Request. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn (Porter/Webb) was made. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

The Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Submitted by Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer