

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014, AT 6:30 PM
AT BARNES TOWN HALL, 3360 COUNTY HIGHWAY N, BARNES, WI**

UNAPPROVED

1) Call the Monthly Town Board Meeting to Order, do Roll Call to establish a Quorum & Verification of Public Notice

Chairperson Tom Krob called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. In attendance were Supervisors Chris Webb, Jack Meinke, Donna Porter and Mitch McGee. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Bakke, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dorothy Vogel, Roads and Property Foreman Bob Lang and EMS Director Tom Renz. Bakke verified public notice and agenda had been posted per State Statutes.

2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

All stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Motion to approve the Agenda and the 2/11/2014 and 2/19/2014 Minutes of Board Meetings, and dispense with the reading of those minutes.

Motion by Porter/Meinke to approve the Agenda and the 2/11/2014 and 2/19/2014 Minutes of Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

4) Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda

There were no comments.

5) DNR, Division of Forestry – Introduction of Ben Garrett

Ben Garrett, Wildland-Urban Interface Specialist with the Forestry Division, works with landowners on wildfire protection plans. He is working with Marty Kasinskis through the summer until Marty retires.

6) Lake Rd., River Rd. and Outlet Bay Rd. Bridges – David Pantzlaff, PE – bridge inspection report with discussion and possible action

David Pantzlaff was unable to attend due to weather conditions and is rescheduled for the April 22nd meeting.

7) Future of the Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge – discussion and possible action

This is also rescheduled for the April 22nd meeting.

8) Voucher's Approval – Discuss/Motion to Approve December Vouchers

December should be corrected to read February Vouchers.

Motion by Porter/McGee to approve the February vouchers. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

9) Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke

a) Treasurer's Report

1) February Treasurer's Report

Motion by Meinke/Webb to approve the February Treasurer's Report.

Webb reiterated the tax account be disbursed into appropriate sinking funds.

No further discussion. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

2) Election Expense

Bakke stated \$2,103.27 had been expended for the 2/18/2014 Spring Primary election.

b) Clerk Correspondence

1) Spring Primary Election Results

Jack Meinke	87
Tom Emerson	86
Julie Bohl	78
Brandon Frierhood	54
Mitch McGee	100
Write-In – Vern Wilcox	1
Write-In – Dave Schiess	1
Non-Votes	15

2) Spring Election April 1, 2014

Polls are open at the Town Hall from 7 AM to 8 PM. Hall is handicap accessible.

3) Uniform Dwelling Code (Building) Inspector – discussion and possible action

Effective May 1, 2014 we will be losing our current UDC Inspector. The Town enters into an agreement with the Inspector. Discussion ensued regarding a possible candidate, decision was made to conduct more research and request additional candidates.

4) Forestry Notices

Nothing to report.

5) Resignation of Dorothy Vogel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Resignation was tendered effective April 1, 2014.

6) Employment Ad for Replacement of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – discussion and possible action

It was determined the Board will review the needs and responsibilities of the position before an ad will be placed.

7) Designated Newspaper for Publication of Town Notices – discussion and possible action

Bakke reviewed the options available; Northwoods Shopper is no longer distributed unless subscribed to, the County Journal is a weekly paper, and the Ashland Daily Press is distributed 5 days a week.

Motion by Krob/McGee to open the floor to discussion. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Jon Harkness suggested the County Journal as it's at the county level and the newspaper of record. Ashland is in another county.

Motion by Krob/Porter to close the floor. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Further discussion ensued as to where meetings, ads, bids, etc. should be placed.

Motion by Porter/Meinke to designate the Ashland Daily Press as the paper of record. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

10) TOB Department Head Reports:

a) Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report – Bob Lang

Lang read his report.

1) Snowplowing Issues – discussion and possible action

The Town has received a second warning from Mr. Putzy, WI DOT, warning that he will be conducting another inspection of the roads. Results of that inspection may cause the Town to lose GTA funding. The snowmobile club is mobilizing to see what can be done so the roads can be enjoyed by everyone. The Town is incurring extra expense by maintaining all of the northern roads as well as the huge financial impact on the local economy due to the loss of business.

2) Highway Department Facebook Account – discussion and possible action

It was suggested the Highway Department open a Facebook account as another means of communication. Options were discussed, including incorporating information with the “What Happens in Barnes, WI” Facebook account. More research will be conducted.

3) Point O Pines Rd. – discussion and possible action for upcoming road work land exchange

Motion by Webb/McGee to proceed with the Point O Pines project, land exchange to take out the curve, and authorize Tom Krob to sign the deed.

Discussion continued regarding timeline and which trees are to be removed.

Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

An update was given on the reclassification of Pease Rd. It has been published and will go into effect when the road bans come off.

b) Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports – Tom Renz

Renz read his report.

1) Jr. Firefighter Employment – discussion and possible action

Research found that minors can be employed by the Town as long as they have a work permit and understand certain restrictions.

Motion by Porter/McGee to put all Jr. Firefighters on the payroll and be paid for the work that they do. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

2) Disposal of old ambulance

The Board gave Renz permission to look into the Government auction site as well as other alternatives to sell the old ambulance.

c) Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O’Keefe

Krob read O’Keefe’s report.

11) TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

a) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee – Ingemar Ekstrom – No report at this time.

b) Building Maintenance Committee: Mike Tremblay

1) New Office Building Presentation

Tremblay explained the background of the Building Maintenance Committee and the research they performed to come to the conclusion that the best alternative for the office building was to build a new one versus performing the multitude of repairs necessary on the old one. Approval of the Town’s electors is necessary before moving forward. A special meeting of the electors will be scheduled prior to the April 22nd Monthly Board Meeting. More information will be forthcoming.

c) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess – no report this month

d) Land Use & Planning Commission – Gene Ratzel

1) Darrin Jordahl request to use residence as a short term vacation rental in an area zoned R-1, Class 2

Ratzel stated the Commission met on March 13 to review the permit. The Commission recommends approval of the Class A Permit to the Town Board as it is consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Motion by Meinke/McGee to accept the recommendation for Jordahl’s permit request. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

e) Parks & Recreation Committee: Donna Porter – discussion and possible action regarding Tomahawk Lake Park Play Equipment Grant.

Porter was informed by Bruce Hanson that there is a 50/50 grant available for park improvements such as a walking trail around the park and improvements to Tomahawk Lake Park. We would need to update our outdoor recreation plan prior to applying for the grant.

Motion by Krob/McGee to amend the current Parks/Open Space section of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to cover the outdoor recreation plan.

Parks Committee will reconvene and meet with Bruce Hanson to make the changes.

Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

f) Transfer Site Committee: Mitch McGee

Meinke stated how impressed he is with the safe conditions at the Transfer Site.

g) Tourism Committee

1) Officer nominations

Suzanne Widmar for the position of Tourism Committee Chair

Sharon Hough for the position of Tourism Committee Vice-Chair

Barb Romstad for the position of Tourism Committee Secretary

Julie Bohl for the position of Tourism Committee Treasurer

3) Mission statement – discussion and possible action

To promote, develop and coordinate year-round tourism/visitation to the Barnes area, and create an awareness and understanding of tourism's effect on, and enhancement of, the local economy and residents' quality of life.

4) Committee report

Will be meeting with Kevin Shriver regarding the 2nd Annual Triathlon event being held on Sunday, May 25th.

Motion by Webb/Meinke to approve the mission statement for the Tourism Committee. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

14) Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

a) Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update

1) Patrice Cheleski – discussion and possible action Re: 6 month Operator License review

Background check did not reveal any recent activity. Bakke recommended approval of extension to June 30, 2015.

Motion by Webb/McGee to approve extension of the operator license for Patrice Cheleski for the remainder of the two years. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

15) Adjourn

Motion by Webb/Meinke to adjourn the March 18, 2014 Monthly Board Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy E. Vogel

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

This 25th day of March, 2014