

**INUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES  
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, March 21, 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 02/20/17 Monthly Board Meeting and the 02/20/17 and 3/13/17 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

Public Comment Session –Tom Krob acknowledged that this is his final board meeting and thanked the board members, committee members and residents for their service and support over the past four years. Tommy Krob spoke regarding his application for a scholarship which requires attendance at a Town Board Meeting which he was fulfilling.

Clerk Correspondence –

1. Town Insurance-Greg Martin spoke regarding the necessity of listing Norvado on the town's general liability insurance policy as an additional insured.

*Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to accept the insurance package from Rural Insurance Company's proposal effective 4/1/17. This motion was removed by unanimous consent.*

*Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to accept the insurance package from Rural Insurance Company's proposal effective 4/1/17 with a \$250.00 deductible. Roll call was taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

Chris Webb noted that the clerk will work with Alan to insure Norvado is listed as an additional insured.

2. Employee Handbook

*Motion made (Webb/Krob) to table the decision on the employee handbook until next month's meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

3. Reminder of Annual Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the Monthly Board Meeting date change to April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Voucher's Approval –February vouchers

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

1. February Treasurer's Report

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

Chris Webb asked about the deposits to the Vatten Paddler account. This was a sponsorship fee and registration fees collected thru Chronotrack.

#### TOB Department Head Reports:

##### The Highway Department Monthly Roads Report-Eric Altman

1. Lake Road Project –Tom Krob spoke regarding the delay to the project due to a land swap that has “hit a bump in the road, pun intended”. This would allow the road to be straightened. Eric Altman said we could still complete the project this year (2017) as long as it’s bid out by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom asked the board for a recommendation as to how to proceed in regard to the land swap. The board would like an answer regarding the land swap within the next 2 weeks and address it in a special board meeting if necessary. Eric proposed an option would be to do all the work by this fall and pave it in the spring of 2018.
2. Roof damage claim - Tom Krob advised that we’ll have to put it out to bid since it’s over \$25,000. Tom suggested the town consider adding insulation and replace the garage roof at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Another option would be a metal roof.

*Motion made (Webb/Krob) to table this decision until Eric can provide some bid options. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

It was tabled for 2 weeks when the board meets again to discuss the Lake Road project.

##### Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly Reports-Tom Renz

Tom recommended that the board recognize Dave Schiess for 40 years on the Fire Department even though he has 39 years as of June 2017.

*Motion made (Frint/Webb) to allow Tom Renz to sell the Fire/Ambulance Department’s 6 radios and put the money back in the general fund. Voice vote taken with no opposition.*

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

#### TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

##### a) Tourism Committee-Tom Krob

1. Vatten Paddlar – The race still needs a race coordinator. Dana H. suggested talking to Barb Romstad in regard to how many hours she actually spent working on the event so the board might want to consider increasing the amount to be paid. Chris Webb said she wasn’t opposed to increasing the amount but would like to consider that once a candidate for the position was in place.

*Motion made (Krob/Porter) to raise the amount paid the race coordinator to \$2,000. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.*

It was suggested that the website be updated including the option of co-coordinators as well.

##### b) Transfer Site Committee-Tom Emerson

2017 hours for backup attendant-Tom analyzed the attendant hours as the board had requested at our last meeting and presented his findings and some options to consider. Guy Johnston brought up that there have been 3 emergency calls in the past year and feels it’s a disservice to the town employees and the town residents to only have one attendant. Tom Emerson said both Minong and Gordon operate with one attendant. Bill Pence suggested looking at the past 3 years income/expenses to compare. He also suggested talking to the Transfer site employees about their feelings/opinions on the number of employees needed and the hours. The board recommends referring it back to the Committee.

c) Parks & Rec Committee

1. Tomahawk Park Grant update- There was an issue regarding the trailhead development, some trees were cut down at the proposed trailhead, prior to receiving permission as is required by the grant. A permit is required for the trailhead as well. Tom will be working with Bayfield County zoning to handle this issue but Tom wanted to apprise the board of the situation.

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

The Monthly Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer