

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

## **UNAPPROVED**

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Webb at 2:00pm and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Susan Jansen and Seana Frint in attendance via Zoom Video Conferencing. Donna Porter joined the meeting at 2:07pm. Tom Emerson was absent. Also in attendance was Ambulance Director/ Fire Chief, Tom Renz, Roads & Property Foreman, Eric Polkoski and EMTs Irene Bott and Leah Holsclaw. Clerk Bourassa verified notice.

*A motion was made (Frint/Jansen) to approve the Agenda. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Tom Renz provided an update from the Emergency Operations Center. Things are going to get worse before it gets better, looking at a peak at the end of April. The community resources program is being implemented today. If you need food or medications, please call the Barnes Emergency Services building at (715) 795-2424. If no one answers, please leave a message. This phone will be checked regularly Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm. The Town's EMTs, Leah Holsclaw and Irene Bott, will be coordinating the program. The staff will take your request and then contact one of our community volunteers to go pick your items up and deliver them to you in a safe distancing manner. When you call, the worker on the other end will make arrangements of where to drop off and how the items will be paid for or reimbursed by the person asking for the service. Once your order is delivered all your information will be erased. Certain businesses are offering curbside service and other arrangements can be made for those that don't. Please call that number if you are willing to volunteer as a driver or deliverer for this program. The press release will be sent to the Ashland Daily Press, Bottom Line News and other markets.

Tom reported that he's received stock of some supplies including gloves, masks, thermometers and N95 masks. He's also ordered some face shields that are expected next week and purchased a sprayer to be used to disinfect the ambulance. He requested that the board approve the purchase of the extractor washing machine for the ESB so the EMTs and Fire Fighters can wash clothing at the building. Chairperson Webb requested that he submit a purchase order and it can be addressed at the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for next Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Clerk Bourassa reported that the election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and the polls will be open for voting from 7am to 8pm. The hall will be set up to ensure social distancing is maintained to protect the voters and poll workers.

Chairperson Webb noted that the Open Book scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> but no in-person meetings will be held. Appointments will be by phone, email or video conferencing. Call 920-749-1995 or email at [info.apraz@gmail.com](mailto:info.apraz@gmail.com) to schedule with our assessor, Walt Hughes.

A discussion regarding Transfer Site days/hours of operation was held. Eric Polkoski reported that the 2 highway crewmen are willing to work Saturdays, from 8am-2pm through the month of April. They would work Tuesday through Saturday, with Sundays and Mondays off. They requested that they be paid time and half for their Saturday hours. They are willing to accept the fees as long as they are supplied with gloves and masks. It was recommended that all items be accepted (not just household garbage and recycling) as has been done in the past. This would include the items that normally have been accepted for a fee.

*A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to have the Transfer Site open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8am-2pm beginning this Saturday, April 4th. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

Discussion regarding Transfer Site accepted items-this would restore

*A motion was made (Porter/Frint) to start accepting all items at the Transfer Site as before and charging the normal fees. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.*

*A motion was made (Frint/Porter) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

**Judy Bourassa, Town of Barnes Clerk-Treasurer**  
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