

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF BARNES  
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

April 28, 2015 at 6:30PM

UNAPPROVED

The Monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Supervisor Christine Webb. Roll call was taken with Donna Porter, Julie Bohl, and Tom Emerson present representing the board, and establishing a quorum. Also present were Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer, Bob Lang, Road and Property Foreman, and Tom Renz, Barnes Emergency Services Director. Chairman Tom Krob was out of town on this date. Bakke verified public notice. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was then said by all.

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 03/17/2015 and 04/15/2015 Board Meetings, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes.**

**Motion carried.**

**Public Comment Session** – 5 minute limit for those not on agenda

Greg Martin request a new wind sock be purchased for the helipad on County N. Tom Renz stated one has already been ordered.

Tom Renz reminded everyone of the Veterinary Vaccination Clinic scheduled on May 9 at the Fire Hall from 3:30 - 4:30PM. Renz also stated the vet will stay as long as it takes to perform vaccinations for all who show up.

Lee Wiesner discusses the new limits for catching Walleye this fishing season. These limits were put in place by the state after the fishing regulation books were printed. New regulation limits are posted at each boat landing on the yellow signs. Check the boat landing bulletin boards.

**Vouchers Approval** – Webb states our insurance for 2015 was paid in March. Bakke states the work comp premium may change based on the wage audit. Work comp premiums are set at a regulated rate based on total wages paid.

**Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve the March vouchers. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes.**

**Motion carried.**

**March Treasurer's Reports** – Bakke read the March Treasurer's Report.

**Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to approve March Treasurer's Reports. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes.**

**Motion carried.**

**Clerk Correspondence**

Open Book and Board of Review Dates with Mark Hafferman of Associated Appraisal

Open Book – Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Board of Review – Saturday, June 6, 2015 at 4:00pm – 6:00pm

**TOB Department Head Reports:**

**Highway Department** – Monthly Roads Report – Bob Lang dispensed with the reading of the report due to previous distribution to the majority of meeting attendees. A hard copy was given to Lee Wiesner to review.

**Fire & Ambulance Departments** – Monthly BES Reports were presented by Tom Renz.

Renz requested appointments of Dave Schiess as Assistant Fire Chief, and Deanna Glinski as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief to fill the Assistant Fire Chief position vacated by Dave Christenson.

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to appoint Dave Schiess as Assistant Fire Chief and Deanna Glinski as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Renz requested the appointment of Brett Frierhood as Assistant Ambulance Director filling the position vacated by the late Viola Frierhood.

**Motion made to appoint Brett Frierhood as Assistant Ambulance Director. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Renz showed the board a memorial plaque in memory of Viola Frierhood and her years of service to the Town of Barnes. The plaque will be presented to the Frierhood family in Viola's honor. The Frierhood family was not able to attend tonight's meeting and the plaque will be presented to them at a later date.

Renz reported there is legislation being worked on by the EMS board with the state of WI to change the law to allow a First Responder and EMT go on ambulance calls together.

**Constable** – There was no Monthly Report from Constable Mike O'Keefe for March.

**TOB Committee and Commission Reports:**

**A.I.S. Committee** – Lee Weisner/Chris Webb

Committee report – Ingemar has officially retired. Wiesner will fill in for a while. Clean Boats Clean Water volunteer luncheon is this coming Friday.

Request approval to hire boat landing monitors

**Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to approve the hiring of Zach Derosiers, Gene Pease and John Loughren as our regular boat landing monitors. Roll call vote with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Parks & Recreation Committee** – Donna Porter

Porter reports a meeting was held with consultant Fred Kolkmann, of Fred Kolkmann Tennis & Sport Surfaces, LLC regarding the tennis court refurbishing. Fred was very knowledgeable and shared some options for going forward. Options will be discussed and an estimate obtained from Fred Kolkmann for the tennis court project. Porter requests the appointment of Dana Hodowanic as Parks & Rec Committee's liaison to Tourism Committee.

**Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) to appoint Dana Hodowanic as liaison from the Parks & Rec Committee to the Tourism Committee. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

The Park & Rec Committee will be meeting tomorrow at Tomahawk Park to with Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Technician Travis Tulowitzky to discuss his recommendations for development of fire pits and trails.

**Transfer Site Committee** – Tom Emerson

Joe Zuelke, Iron River, recycling services – Emerson recommends we use the services of Joe Zuelke to handle our recycling at the Transfer Site. We would not have a contract with Zuelke, but an at will relationship. Zuelke requests \$100/mo. to cover fuel and travel fees due to the decreased scrap revenues at this time.

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) that we accept Joe Zuelke's recycling services without a contract at a charge of \$100 per month, plus \$20 per appliance with Freon and \$15 for TV's and computer monitors. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Emerson reports the Transfer Site Committee suggests we sell the old compactor hydraulic system taking sealed bids for the hydraulic system with a minimum bid of \$400. Bakke to confirm the appropriate advertising for the sale. Lang will work on wording of the ad with Bakke.

**Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve the sale of the old compactor hydraulic system using the sealed bid process with a minimum bid of \$400. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Security Camera System – Transfer Site Committee has approved Gene Ratzel to choose a security camera system not to exceed \$1,500 to be installed at the Transfer Site.

The Transfer Site workers, Paul and Zach, are assessing the condition of the sites' fence posts and they will be replaced where needed.

**Jeanne Riese request to place a memorial bench at Upper Eau Claire Lake boat landing** – Board members had discussion regarding the available space at the boat landing to place a bench. Board members each had personally visited the UECL boat landing prior to this discussion.

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to respectfully decline the offer of placing a bench on the Upper Eau Claire boat landing due to space constraints, and will talk to Jeanne about other possibilities for placement. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade** – Discussion ensued regarding the suggestion that a “dry zone” be established for spectators not wishing to get wet. Renz brought up the town’s ability to create and enforce a dry zone, and Bohl suggested having our Constable patrol and enforce it as previously suggested. Emerson suggested we set up a dry area and simply ask the people to comply with that. Webb stated the town would only have the authority to set up a dry zone on town property. It was brought to light that many people do not know what happened at last year’s parade and therefore do not understand the problem. Bohl suggests we educate people about what happened last year and why we want a change this year. Webb explained that last year a frozen water balloon was thrown and hit a spectator in the face causing injury. Board members all agree that we need to start getting the word out that water balloons will not be tolerated. We are eliminating water balloons from the parade due to injuries caused last year by them. Julie Bohl will contact Melissa Driscoll who is planning to get an informational pamphlet put together for distribution before and at the parade. Volunteers are needed to help with the parade this year. It takes several volunteers, as well as those who organize or are in the parade to make it happen. Volunteer participation is very important to continue this event.

**Spring Clean Up Campaign** – Thank you to the people who have worked on the Spring Cleanup Campaign. It is scheduled to end at the end of the month. Anyone still working on cleaning up roadsides or parks will still be able to pick up bags at the town office.

**Last Month’s Meeting Follow-up –**

**Town Board Issues Timeline Log** - Review & Update

**Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to reappoint Gene Ratzel to the Land Use Planning Commission. The duration of the term will be confirmed. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to reappoint Gene Ratzel as an alternate member of the Board of Review to serve if a Town Board member is unable to attend. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

**Employee Handbook** – Final edits to be submitted to the Board as soon as possible for approval at the Monthly Board Meeting in May. New handbooks will then be printed and assembled for distribution in the town office with paychecks in early June.

**Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Roll call vote taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda K. Bakke  
Clerk-Treasurer