

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday –May 15, 2018
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Board of Review Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The following notice was read:

Board of Review will meet on the 15th day of May, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Barnes Town Hall for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45 day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Sec. 70.47 (1) of Wis. Statutes.

Due to the fact the assessment roll is not completed at this time, it is anticipated that the Board of Review will be adjourned until the 18th day of June, 2018 at 9am.

Pursuant to Sec. 70.45 of Wis. Statutes the assessment roll for the Year 2018 assessment will be open for examination on the 2nd day of June, 2018 at 7:30am to 9:30am.

Instructional material about the assessment and board of review procedures will be available at that time for information on how to file an objection and the board of review procedures under Wisconsin law.

A motion was made (Emerson/Frint) to adjourn the Board of Review meeting to be re-convened on Monday, June 18th at 9am. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Tom Emerson, Seana Frint, Donna Porter and Zach Desrosiers in attendance. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Motion was made (Porter/Desrosiers) to approve the minutes of the 4/24/2018 Monthly Board Meeting and the 4/2, 4/12 and 4/24/2018 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to open the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session

Tony Bauer of Superior has a cabin on the Lower Eau Claire Lake in Gordon spoke regarding the boating & water safety ordinance. He is opposed to the ordinance and suggested that the State laws be posted at boat landings.

Mike Robb has a cabin on the Lower Eau Claire Lake and he spoke regarding the boating & water safety ordinance as well. He would like the ordinance to be rescinded.

Kevin Shriver spoke in regard to the Vatten Paddlar – they are getting sponsors but is asking for volunteers. He also spoke regarding the ordinance and encouraged working on a compromise.

Marcia O'Brien spoke regarding the ordinance – she said if we're going to limit two things, we should limit everything.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to close the floor. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence-

- a) Ordinance Survey Update

Chairperson Webb read the following statement:

The Board decided to send out an advisory survey before pursuing additional avenues. Two potential sources of surveys were researched. To keep cost of printing, mailing, postage at a minimum, the Board decided to use UW Extension as our resource.

As stated in previous Board Meetings: To be as transparent as possible and to keep the advisory survey unbiased, the Board agreed to use criteria and wording suggested by an UW Agent. The Board requested that wording fit on a return postcard. The criteria and final wording was reviewed by two other UW Agents. The County provided the tax records for non-resident (based on mailing addresses) taxpayers with no improvements, and removed any duplicate names/addresses. The Town Board and Clerk did not manipulate the data that was provided to keep whole, the integrity of the advisory survey.

The number of postcards mailed was 1617. The number of responses were 1027, 64%. The results of the advisory survey have been received. There were 295 to rescind and 689 to leave as is; but many comments still need to be reviewed. This was advisory only.

Supervisor Desrosiers stated that after speaking with residents and property owners, reading letters sent by same and meeting with DNR officials and considering the costs of enforcing it, he made a motion to rescind the ordinance.

Motion made (Desrosiers/Frint) to rescind the Boating & Water Safety ordinance and adopt the State Statutes. (this motion was withdrawn, NO ACTION TAKEN)

Discussion followed with Supervisor Emerson saying we need to look at other options. Supervisor Porter stated she recalled that past surveys indicated that most people wanted to keep the ordinance. Supervisor Frint stated she sees there is an issue with education. Barb Romstad spoke without being recognized by the board expressing her concern that a vote on this was not on the agenda and therefore should not be considered.

Supervisor Desrosiers withdrew his motion until a future time. Chairperson Webb suggested that the board review the comments received and the issue will be addressed at a later date. Supervisor Desrosiers asked if the constable is able to issue citations and was told he is. He asked what will happen when the constable position is eliminated next April. Chairperson Webb said the responsibility then falls to the chairperson according to state statutes. Supervisor Emerson said this is an important issue that he feels need to be addressed soon. A public hearing would have to take place. The discussion was tabled.

- b) Forestry cutting notice- copies were left on the back table for review

- c) Discussion of BankMutual 12 month CD maturing June 21st

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to renew the 12 month CD in the amount of \$106,547.18.

Motion was withdrawn until we know the rate of the renewal.

- d) Iron River Chamber of Commerce membership renewal-Supervisor Frint requested that the membership be renewed since they have a radio spot which could be used for the Vatten Paddlar and other town events.

Motion made (Frint/Porter) to renew the town's membership with the Iron River Chamber of Commerce at a cost of \$80.00. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Vouchers approval –April vouchers

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to approve April vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The April Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was reviewed.

Motion was made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve the April Treasurer's report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report-Eric Altman read his report

Chairperson Webb asked Eric if he heard from Zech of Morgan & Parmley regarding the potential land swap. He has not. Chairperson Webb stated that we need to discuss this further.

Fire & Ambulance Departments – no report was provided by Tom Renz

Constable Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe –the report was read by Chairperson Webb

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

- a) Planning Commission

- 1) Mathy Construction of 48520 State Hwy 27 Class A request for a conditional use permit to allow for a temporary asphalt plant

Supervisor Emerson stated that the commission recommends approval. This would be used to complete the rest of County Hwy Y and 4 miles of County Hwy N from Hwy 27 with the option to continue an additional 2 miles to Hwy A. Rock crushing would be from 7am to 5pm and would take place 4 weeks prior to the asphalt plant. The plant would be installed in August with a 4-6 week timeframe. It would open 6:30am-6:30pm M-F and 6:30-3:30pm on Saturdays.

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to recommend approval of the application from Mathy Construction for a temporary asphalt plant. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

- 2) Joel & Amanda Schlitz of 3010 Lake Rd. Class B request to build a residence within a commercial zone

The planning commission recommends approval of the application.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the application from Joel & Amanda Schlitz to build a residence within a commercial zone. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

- b) A.I.S. Committee – Lee Wiesner
 - 1) Update-some BAISS boat volunteers have been identified. There will be a training session for anyone interested in being a boat monitor. Date to be determined.
 - 2) Discussion of Diving Practices Statement of Understanding form. Supervisor Porter suggested that the board adopt the one page version for divers to sign.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to adopt the shorter version of the Standard Safe Diving Practices Statement of Understanding and require divers to sign the form. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

- c) Roads & Right of Way Committee – Eric Altman

The RROW recommends removing the large white pine tree located in the clear zone at 2175 Island Lake Road on Henry Aukee's property. Mr. Aukee has approved the removal and they have received a bid from Rick Mundle for \$1,100. The board would like to ensure he is bonded and insured before approving.

- d) Transfer Site Committee –Zach Desrosiers
 - 1) Discussion of including the cost of garbage/recycling in property taxes
 - 2) Discussion of Transfer Site hours/days of operation – income analysis
 - 3) Discussion of scheduling 3 employees on major holidays

Supervisor Desrosiers stated that slippery floors should also be on the agenda. He is investigating some products that could be used. Supervisor Frint asked if the committed discussed, closing the gate to the brush pit since there has been some materials disposed of that shouldn't be allowed in the brush pit. Eric stated that he has gotten a lot of positive feedback about allowing the gate to be open 24 hours. The board would like it to be monitored better. It was suggested to post in the Barnes Notes and News and on the Town website a notice about what is allowed in the brush pit. Chairperson Webb stated that we tried adding garbage fees to tax bills in the past and decided to change back to charging fees. We also tried issuing tags and that was scraped as well. Regarding the days/hours of operation, the Transfer Site attendants have suggested that we change the season start days (open 2 days vs. 3 days) to change to October 1st (instead of November 1st) and the first Saturday in May (instead of April 1st). It was decided to address this at a future date. Regarding scheduling 3 employees on major holidays, it was approved. It was noted that the Transfer Site will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th but will be open on Thursday, July 5th.

- e) Cemetery Committee – Donna Porter
 - 1) Recap of last week's meeting-there will be an election of officers at the next meeting and Donna will be the board liaison and no longer the chair.
She stated the Sexton job description needs to be revised because Dave Schiess feels there should be someone else trained to act as a backup. Chairperson Webb said she thought the job description had been approved already.
Supervisor Porter said Dave is looking into allowing urns to be placed on the top of caskets.
Some committee members were cleaning up at the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.
 - 2) Discussion of disbanding the committee-this agenda item wasn't addressed.

- f) Parks & Rec Committee – Donna Porter

- 1) Tomahawk Lake Park update-May 25th is the date scheduled for volunteers to work at the park.
The white ladder sign project is being worked on to correct the signs that are incorrectly placed.
It was proposed at the P & R meeting that we join the CAMBA. The board suggested that we wait until the trail is completed before considering joining.

Action Items and Timeline-they were reviewed and updated

Motion made (Porter/Frint) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

These minutes represent the general subject matter discussed in the meeting but do not reflect a verbatim documentation of the subjects and conversation that took place.

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