

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:30PM
At Barnes Town Hall**

(UNAPPROVED)

At 6:30pm, Chairperson Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum with Donna Porter, Tom Emerson and Zach Desrosiers in attendance. Seana Frint was absent. Clerk Bourassa verified public notice.

Chairperson Webb noted that the flag flying over the Fire Hall was given by Ricky Renz who was recently deployed to Afghanistan.

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 04/25/17 Monthly Board Meeting and the 05/1/17 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

The Chairperson noted that the agenda needs to be amended to move the Conditional Use item to earlier in the agenda to accommodate the representatives of Weyerhaeuser Company.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to amend the agenda to address Conditional Use Application for Weyerhaeuser Company when Gene Ratzel arrives. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Mike Tremblay spoke in regard to the building to house the groomer the Barnestormers Snowmobile Club are raising funds to build in the Barnes Industrial Park where they currently lease a lot.

Gene Ratzel joined the meeting so the agenda was amended and the CLUP was moved up.

Conditional Use permit for Weyerhaeuser Company-Gene Ratzel spoke as a representative of the Comprehensive Land Use Planning Commission who recommends approval of the Conditional Use permit. Andrew Peters of Mathy Construction and John Humberg of Northwoods Paving spoke on behalf of Weyerhaeuser requesting approval.

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to recommend approval of the Conditional Use permit. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

The public comment session resumed with Dave Schiess speaking in regard to his injury and work time he has lost. Chairperson Webb said this would be addressed in a closed session and he will be invited to attend. He said he will be having surgery and will be required to be out a minimum of 8 weeks beginning in June. The clerk will investigate the Town's insurance coverage to see if partial disability is available for employees.

Ted Eastlund spoke in regard to the Vatten Paddlar event, suggesting a committee be formed and provided a handout to the board with his suggestions.

Carol LeBreck asked to go on record as being supportive of the Vatten Paddlar race and that a lot of the work has been already been done and there are many people willing to be volunteers so she requested that the board postpone any decision until the Tourism Committee can meet.

Clerk Correspondence –

1. Timber Cut Notices-copies of the notices were displayed on the back table
2. 2-year Operator's license for Thomas D. Leamy

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve a two year Operator's license for Thomas D. Leamy. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

3. Email accounts-Advantex hosting- Chairperson Webb gave an update in regard to this
4. Substance Abuse Policy-Eric Altman suggested a damage limit be set that would trigger a drug test. Tom Renz was absent so he wasn't able to provide any input so the subject was tabled.
5. Letter from Bayfield County regarding property in Potawatomi Estates, Lot 60, Tax ID #3951, that is up for auction

Vouchers Approval –April vouchers

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the April vouchers. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: April Treasurer's Report

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Public Lands-The Town made an offer on 40 acres behind the Town Hall. A follow up call was made and it was encouraging but the offer has not been accepted as of yet.

The parcels the Town is offering for sale were displayed and Chairperson Webb is proposing that letters be sent to adjacent property owners notifying them of the availability (however anyone interested can purchase) and it would be posted on the website as well.

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to mail notification of the properties for sale to the surrounding property owners. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

The Highway Department Monthly Roads Report-presented by Eric Altman

1. Rental of Skid Steer for Tomahawk Lake Park
2. Purchase of a set of pallet loader forks
3. Lake Road Project updates

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to authorize the Highway Foreman to purchase loader forks. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Eric updated the board on Lake Road Project- we anticipate excavating and graveling will be done this fall with paving and landscaping done the following spring.

Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly Reports-Tom Renz was absent so no report was given

Constable – Monthly Report from Constable Mike O'Keefe – no report, no calls in the last two weeks

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

- a) A.I.S. Committee-Lee Wiesner
 1. Sand Bar and Tomahawk Lakes update
 2. Clean Boats, Clean Waters update

3. BAISS update
- b) Transfer Site Committee-Tom Emerson
 1. Recycling discussion regarding letter from Joe Zuelke offering to accept additional items (including mattresses and box springs, couches, chairs, hide-a-beds...) for the same amount we currently collect from townspeople. The committee recommends that the board approve this proposal with a 90-day trial period.

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to authorize Tom Emerson to finalize the form, in duplicate, to allow Joe Zuelke to pick up the additional items. Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

Tom asked the Highway Foreman about the hours the brush pit is open. It had been only open when the Transfer Site is open but Eric has been allowing it to be open all the time and there have been no issues. The board agreed to allow it to remain open and will address issues as they occur.

- c) Tourism Committee
 1. Vatten Paddlar-discussion of cancellation

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to delay the decision to cancel the race one week to allow the Tourism Committee to meet within the next week and make a recommendation to the board. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

- d) Parks & Rec Committee
 1. Barnes Notes and News publication-Donna Porter suggested that the town make a contribution to the Barnes Notes and News. After discussion the board declined.

Chairperson Webb asked the Highway Foreman if he received a third proposal on the basketball court but he has not. She also asked about the Roof Repair but he has not received any other proposals.

- e) Comprehensive Land Use Planning
 1. Conditional Use application for Weyerhauser Company-this was addressed earlier
 2. Need for Commission member-Chairperson Webb said she has a few people to talk to.
 3. Discussion of future and proposed sale of land-this was addressed earlier

Motion made to adjourn (Desrosiers/Emerson). Voice vote taken with no opposition, motion carried.

The Monthly Board Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Judy Bourassa, Clerk-Treasurer