

TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – May 20, 2014 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Hall

(UNAPPROVED)

Minutes

- 1) The Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to order by Tom Krob at 6:34 p.m. Roll call was taken with Chris Webb, Donna Porter, Julie Bohl and Tom Emerson present for the Town Board. A quorum was established. Also present was Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer. Bakke verified the posting of public notice.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said by all.
- 3) **Motion was made (Porter/Bohl) to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the 4/22/2014 Monthly Board Meeting, 4/24/2014 Special Board Meeting, 4/24/2014 Special Town Meeting, and dispense with the reading of those minutes.**
- 4) **Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda**
Tom Renz – July 4th fireworks display will be lower and set off electronically. Best seat will be in the park.
- 5) **Motion was made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the April vouchers. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.**
- 6) Treasurer's Report was read by Brenda Bakke.
Motion was made (Webb/Bohl) to approve the April Treasurer's report. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
Tom Krob requested funding of \$60.00 for Tourism Committee to join Iron River Chamber of Commerce.
Motion was made (Porter/Emerson) to approve funding of \$60.00 for the Tourism Committee to join the Iron River Chamber of Commerce. Roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.
Clerk Correspondence:
 - 1) New Uniform Dwelling Code Ordinance – No action taken at this time. Existing Town Ordinance, chapter 23, will be reviewed and edited to add language from Bud, Rubeck, UDC Inspector, less the fine amounts.
 - 2) Bakke reports there are five Open Book appointments with the assessor scheduled for May 10, 2014.
 - 3) Bakke gives reminder that Board of Review is June 7, 2014 at 1:00-3:00 p.m. There will be at least one appointment.
- 7) TOB Department Head Reports:
Highway Department – Bob Lang read the Monthly Roads Report. Lang reported Jerry Witt has allowed the Town the use of his welder for the past twelve years. Jerry is willing to sell his welder to the Town of Barnes for \$600.00. The welder is 35 years old still works very well. A new welder would cost \$1,800-\$2,800.
Motion made to (Emerson/Porter) purchase welder from Jerry Witt for the sum of \$600.
Fire & Ambulance Departments – Tom Renz read the Monthly BES Reports. Renz then read a letter he received from Governor Walker regarding performance during the Germann Rd. Wildfire in May of 2013. Renz was given a Distinguished Service Award from the Governor.
Old Ambulance – The value of the old ambulance was discussed and Renz was given permission to put it on the state sale site where other towns sell used equipment.
Jr. Firefighter Wages – No action was taken on Jr. Firefighter wages at this time. Webb and Renz will discuss further before pay rates are set.
Constable Mike O'Keefe was out of town and there was no report from him for this meeting.
- 8) TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

- a) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ingemar Ekstrom reports the Boat Monitors are scheduled to cover five lakes. Matt Berg will be doing more scuba diving and research this year. Shoreline Monitors will be checking spots where Curly Leaf Pondweed has been sited the last couple of years. A Phase 2 Meeting is scheduled June 21st for George, Sandbar, and Tomahawk Lakes. Replacements for Ingemar and a couple of other committee members are being researched.
- b) Building Maintenance Committee: Mike Tremblay reports meeting with C&S Design, and we are still on schedule for late October occupancy.
- c) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess – The cemetery has been raked and cleaned up. He is still waiting for the plot map.
- d) Land Use & Planning Commission: Gene Ratzel – No new business.
- e) Parks & Recreation Committee: Donna Porter – Bob Brennan came up with a list of materials needed for ice rink repairs. Porter will be working on the repairs with Brennan. Lang will pick up the repair materials. An inspection of the park for safety issues has been done. We are in the planning process for swim lessons. The Parks & recreation Committee is meeting with the Tourism Committee on May 29 at Tomahawk Park.
- f) Transfer Site Committee: Tom Emerson reports all current members are still interested in being on the Transfer Site Committee. A meeting will be scheduled soon.
- g) Tourism Committee: Tom Krob – The Canoe/Kayak Race may be started again this Labor Day Weekend. PJ Foat attended the last Tourism Committee meeting and shared some great ideas. Progress is being made on the Trail maps.
- 9) Tri-Barnes Triathlon – Certificate of Insurance has been received for the event. Safety boat and spotters are lined up.
- 10) Outlet Bay Rd. Bridge – Krob reports the fencing has been put up on the bridge. Webb wants discussion of expenses for bridge repairs in open meeting in front of the people. Krob states his first choice would be to have our Highway Department do the repairs, but they are too busy. Second choice would be to have Bayfield County do it, but they are not interested. Krob had discussed fence height with Emerson. Bohl was present during discussion with the contractor for fencing. The installation job done so it was completed for Memorial Day weekend. Estimate obtained for guard rail is \$4,300 for two 23 foot long runs. Discussion then ensued regarding what will take to open the bridge. It was agreed that signage is necessary before opening the bridge. Bohl suggests discussion of guard rails take place after the bridge is open. Lang states the bridge will be open by the end of the week. Krob states the Board will discuss the other things needing to be done to the bridge i.e. spalling, etc.
- 11) UECL Winter Ramp Update – Krob reports approval has been received. The town will need to confer with Mike Furtak, Bayfield County Zoning regarding taking down a couple trees for the ramp installation. Communication with Allysa of the DNR will be maintained to ensure we stay in compliance with our permit.
- 12) Lock and Dam Project on South Shore Rd. – Lang and Krob met with Bayfield County on the lock and dam repair project. All concrete will be replaced. Probable start date will be in 2015. Middle Eau Claire Lake may have to be drawn down 4-6 inches to do the project
- 13) ATV Trails – Loren Bohl – The Forestry Dept. ordered new signs closing the trails except for winter use. Signs will be probably be posted after the Memorial Day holiday. Opening County Hwy. N is up for approval by the Bayfield County Board this coming Thursday. Bayfield County Highway Dept. has already given their approval.
- 14) Snowmobile Routes – Mike Tremblay states the roads tour with the Department of Transportation went well bringing some positive feelings. He feels they will help with our road/trail issues and the problem will be resolved.
- 15) Annual Meeting Follow-up:

- a) The Town Constable position is an elected position only, and cannot be appointed. If the electors wanted to change this they would have to vote to abolish the Constable position. If someone is elected to the Constable position who is not qualified by already having law enforcement experience, the town would then have to send them to law enforcement training.

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) to open the floor to discussion.

Gene Ratzel – We checked into this ten years ago. You would have to hire three people to cover 24 hrs./day.

Krob - Law Enforcement class is 21 weeks long plus per diem and mileage.

Webb – Bayfield County does not have the manpower to enforce our ordinances.

Motion made (Krob/Porter) to close the floor.

Tom Emerson will follow up on requirements for the town and costs.

- b) Advisory resolution to follow up with Miss Allysa Core, DNR, regarding the status of conversation with her supervisors about over-sized docks, and to determine what if any authority the Board has to limit the size and depth of docks and report to the electors. – Board agrees they can follow up with the DNR regarding the oversized docks.
- 16) Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –
- a) Town Board Issues Timeline Log - Review & Update
- The trial scheduled regarding the Smart rd. Lawsuit has been cancelled due to resolution of the issue.
- 17) Adjourn
- Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to adjourn the Monthly Board meeting.**
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.