

TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – July 15, 2014 6:30 p.m.
Barnes Town Hall

Minutes
(Unapproved)

- 1) The Monthly Town Board Meeting was called to Order by Tom Krob at 6:31 p.m. Roll Call was taken with Julie Bohl, Donna Porter, Chris Webb and Tom Emerson present for the Town Board. A Quorum was established. Also present was Glenda Pede, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Pede verified posting of Public Notice.
- 2) Pledge Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
- 3) **Motion as made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the Agenda and the Minutes of the 5/20/2014 and 6/17/2014 Board Meetings and dispense with the reading of those minutes. Motion carried.**
- 4) Tom Toepfer, Bayfield County Highway Department was here to discuss the Lake Rd. TRI-D Grant.
 - Toepfer reported the grant was in the amount of \$320,000;
 - Must meet state standards and codes;
 - Have six years to complete project (but felt that it's important to move quickly for best cost-effectiveness, and also to prevent last-minute issues);
 - Township can do some "prep" work to help stay within available funds;
 - Grant will NOT increase the dollar amount appropriated, any overage will be the responsibility of the township.
 - Krob inquired about bicycle and walkways. Toepfer said these are very expensive add-ons, and felt that the larger paved shoulders would suffice.
 - Citizen requested that we consider putting up guard rails by Lake Rd. Bridge. Town will consider.
- 5) Public Comment Session – 5 minute limit for those not on Agenda
 - (1) Ted Caiazza requested "No Parking" signs at the Pickerel Lk. Boat landing. It has become too hard to turn around.
 - (2) Patti Joswick has concerns for the residents on the west side of Tomahawk Lk. Park if it is improved.
 - Camping concerns for noise issues again.
 - Campfires may be a hazard.
 - Feels there should be a full-time boat monitor for fishing because of milfoil.Joswick is also concerned about vehicles being left unattended overnight at the park.
 - (3) Ingemar Ekstrom concurs with Joswick and feels there should be electric and water available, as well as a full-time on-call overseer of the park.
 - (4) Chuck Merker was pleased to have the "Dead End" sign put up on Peninsula Lk. Rd. However, now people are using his property as a "turn around."
 - Possibility of "Back In Only" signs?
 - Possibility of "No Power Launching" sign?Lang said we can have these made.
 - Jet skis are an issue. Merker asked for a larger sign with jet ski rules.
 - Consider putting docking cushions on the dock to prevent damage to boats.
 - (5) Susan Pagnucci explained how rules are constantly changing at the Transfer Site due to increased knowledge of what is and is not recyclable. This is not the Site employees fault or decision.
- 6) Voucher's Approval
Motion (Porter/Bohl) was made to approve June Vouchers. Motion carried.

- 7) June Treasurer Report
- a) Glenda Pede read June Treasurer's Report.
Motion (Webb/Emerson) made to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
 - b) Clerk Correspondence
 - 1) Forestry Notices - None
 - 2) Operator License Approval for Seana Frint.
Motion (Webb/Bohl) made to approve 2 Year Operator License for Seana Frint. Motion carried.
- 8) TOB Department Head Reports:
- a) Lang read Highway Department Report and added:
 - Lyndale Bay Rd. project begins second week of August.
 - Lang is not comfortable beginning Lk. Rd. project right away. Would like to consider beginning 2016.
 - Need to pay close attention to weight on Town trucks. State patrol are ticketing for being overweight. Does township pay this fine? Points are taken from driver's license.
 - b) Renz read the Fire & Ambulance Departments Monthly BES Reports.
 - 1) Status of old ambulance sale is still not online.
 - 2) Purchase of radio's for Ambulance Dept. was discussed with no action to be taken yet.
 - Renz is requesting the Town Bd. look at current time sheets for Fire and Ambulance departments. Donna Porter suggested setting a meeting to discuss specifics.
 - Fire Dept. received \$160 from Trading Post's meat raffle.
 - Renz would like to see another Captain's position made for the department.
 - c) Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe - None
- 9) TOB Committee and Commission Reports:
- a) Aquatic Invasive Species Committee: Ingemar Ekstrom
 - Ingemar and an Aquatic Biologist have been checking some of the lakes for milfoil. Some old growth was found in Tomahawk; there was none found George Lk. or Sand Bar Lk. The DNR will do follow-up.
 - 1) Presentation of donation from Eau Claire Lakes Property Owners
 - Fred Hauter presented Ingemar with a check in the amount of \$3,460.
 - b) Building Maintenance Committee: Mike Tremblay
 - Tremblay gave us an update on the new office: bid and postings were all completed; Dykstra Construction out of Ashland got the bid; waiting for actual start date.
 - c) Cemetery Sexton & Committee: Dave Schiess
 - Had a cremation burial last week; three scheduled for next week; plot map has been found.
 - d) Land Use & Planning Commission: Gene Ratzel – None.
 - e) Parks & Recreation Committee: Donna Porter
 - 1) Discussed resealing and patching tennis courts – Porter did receive one bid, but board feels we need more than one. Also, may need to consider tearing up old court and putting in a new one. Bruce Hanson is looking into a possible grant to pay for the entire project.
 - Emerson requested putting out buoys at Upper Eau Claire Lk in an effort to prevent accidents.
 - 2) Parade Issues
Motion (Krob/Porter) made to open floor for discussion.
 - There are many concerns regarding all the water balloons, large water guns, etc., allowed at the 4th of July Parade. Someone was hit in the eye area by a water balloon which had ice in it, and consequently that individual ended up with a black eye. Another person driving a truck in the parade was also hit in the eye area by a water balloon, causing his glasses to go flying off his face, and, also aching in his head. There's great concern for the safety of infants and elderly.
 - Many suggestions were made to try to remedy the situation, i.e., placing an article in the BLOG; no water allowed on any float; "no water zones"; individuals on ATVs monitoring. It was decided that the Board will continue discussing the issue and put it on the August Monthly Town Board Meeting.

Motion (Webb/Bohl) to close the floor for discussion.

f) Transfer Site Committee: Tom Emerson

- 1) Emerson has a new listing of recyclables; Allied is making a sign for the Transfer Site.
 - The compactor is broke down, Allied is looking into a new one (approximately \$25,000).
 - There are issues with current computer recycling company. Emerson is trying to get them to honor the current contract. Krob suggested the possibility of a new company.

g) Tourism Committee: Tom Krob

- Thursday will begin the cleaning up of Tomahawk Park.
- Mentioned there is acreage on W. Idlewild and Lake Rd. which may be considered for camping, as well as Tomahawk.
- Possibly put in a fire pit and more playground equipment at Tomahawk Park with a matching grant from the DNR.
- Planning a canoe race for next year.

10) Last Month's Meeting Follow-up –

a) Town Board Issues Timeline Log was reviewed for updates.

- Porter brought up the fact that the water-ski issue seems to have been decided since the Town of Gordon would not go along with the time change. Webb agrees that it may be better to remove it from the timeline until such time as the Constable issue is determined. If not Constable, then all of the ordinances will need to be reviewed again.
- Webb has concerns that residents had not heard anything as yet regarding the Smart Rd. issue. Krob stated he would contact the Attorney and have a notice of final settlement sent to all property owners along Smart Rd.

11) Adjourn

Motion (Bohl/Emerson) to adjourn the Monthly Town Board Meeting. Roll call vote with all voting yes.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.