

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday – August 15, 2017
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

Chairperson Chris Webb called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order at 6:30 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/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 07/18/2017 Monthly Board Meeting and the 07/25/2017 and 08/07/2017 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to open the floor for public comment session. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Susan Pagnucci spoke in regard to the Town event sign and a few events that weren't posted on the sign. She also spoke regarding the Little Free Library and how you can find other libraries online.

Cris Neff spoke regarding the constable position- Chairperson Webb said the town cannot hire a Constable, we would have to have a police force and they would have to be credentialed.

Carol LeBreck thanked the clerk for posting BAHA events on the Barnes website Events calendar. She mentioned some events coming up and the success of past events.

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

Bridge B-04-0413 Replacement – Highway Commissioner, Tom Toepfer, spoke regarding the bridge inspections requirements. This bridge, known as the South Shore Rd bridge, has been declared eligible for replacement and qualifies for federal funding, an 80/20 split. Estimate to replace is \$504,000. He has submitted it to the Federal Highway Commission for consideration for funding. The Town would be responsible for 10% of the cost. He recommends that the board take action saying they support the replacement of the bridge, anticipated to be done in 2019. The Town would bear the cost of any additions/changes to the bridge.

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the replacement of the bridge. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Land Sale update- closing are scheduled this week with the proceeds of the sales anticipated to be received in the next few weeks.

Clerk Correspondence-

RC's Decoy Inn liquor license application-changing from a joint to individual license

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to approve the liquor license for RC's Decoy Inn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Operator's license application for Carol Starks-60 day provisional license issued

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to approve a 6 month probationary operator's license for Carol Starks. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Vouchers approval – discussion/motion to approve July vouchers.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to approve July vouchers. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The July Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was displayed for public viewing and reviewed.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to approve the July Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report was given by Eric Altman. He thanked anyone who reported the trucks hauling on South Shore Road for the County Hwy Y project – they should not have been driving on that road without a Haul Road Agreement issued by the town. Any project that has State specifications and/or receives State Aid needs to have an agreement in place and is liable for damages to the roadway.

Fire & Ambulance Departments -Monthly BES report was given by Tom Renz. He said First Responder training will be beginning soon in Iron River and he encourages anyone who would like to help out our community and ambulance department consider starting as a first responder. The hours commitment is significantly less than an EMT but they may find they would like to become an EMT so additional training would be required. Contact Tom for more information.

In response to Cris Neff's comments regarding the constable, Tom suggested that residents call the Sheriff's department if you don't receive a response from the constable. They keep a log of all calls received.

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

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Parks & Rec Committee-Donna Porter

1. Event Sign application and use policy

Donna reviewed the application the committee is proposing, however, Chairperson Webb requested that an acceptable use policy be developed so it's clear what is acceptable. She asked that they develop a policy to present at next month's meeting

2. Exercise class at Barnes Community Church-Aging Gracefully classes to begin soon
3. Classes at Town Hall-they would be subject to the \$75 fee to rent the Hall
4. Tomahawk Lake Park Grant update-Pam Toshner

Pam reported that permits have been issued. She will be working with Gene Miller, our “website master”, to create a Friends of Tomahawk Lake Park facebook page/group to share progress and recruit/coordinate volunteers. She asked if the town would be able to accept donations in the form of stocks. The board responded that they would like to learn more about how that would work. Chairperson Webb asked when the bid for the building at the Tomahawk Lake Park will be published. Eric said he would work on it tomorrow and the clerk will get it published as soon as possible.

b) Tourism Committee – Seana Frint

1. Hayward Lakes Vacation Guide

The Committee wasn’t able to schedule a meeting until this Friday but Seana had conversations with some members and they would like to commit to advertising in the Guide.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to give the Tourism Committee the authorization to expend up to \$540 to advertise in the Hayward Lakes Vacation Guide. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

c) AIS Committee – Lee Wiesner

1. Update on Tomahawk and Sand Bar Lake treatment- the lakes were treated in May
2. Update on BAISS curly-leaf pondweed harvest on the Middle Eau Claire – they did a small patch near the boat landing which required 140 hours-it’s very time-intensive. Training and harvesting started June 6th and harvesting ended on June 27th because the plant was dying back. The goal for next year is to start May 20th. Many volunteers will be needed for a once a week, 4 hour shift. Contact the AIS Committee to volunteer. They may start on the Upper first in the spring.
3. Surveys for Tomahawk and Sand Bar Lakes-Matt Berg will do the surveys (also at Robinson Lake) at a cost of \$750 for all.
4. CBCW- having trouble getting volunteers on the Middle, particularly in the evenings. Also need volunteers on Robinson Lake. Contact Sally Pease to volunteer or just to learn more.

d) Comprehensive Land Use Planning – Tom Emerson

1. Brenda Drall of 2877 Lake Rd-Class B Special Use application for grading and stump removal-the LUPC recommends approval of the Class B Special Use application for Brenda Drall on the condition that no further shore land alterations will be made.

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to recommend approval of the Class B Special Use Application for Brenda Drall with the condition that no re-structuring of the shore land be made. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

2. John & Linda West of 52310 Robinson Lake Rd-Class A Special Use application to park a recreational vehicle (RV) on their property-the LUPC recommends approval of the Class A Special Use application for John & Linda West.

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to recommend approval of the Class A Special Use application for John & Linda West. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

3. Diane Rupnow, Marty & JoAnne Katzmarck, Nancy Walsh & Linda Mackey of 50475 Sunset Resort Rd-Class A Special Use application for shore land grading-the LUPC recommends approval of the Class A Special Use application for the parties named above.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to recommend approval of the Class A Special Use application for Diane Rupnow, Marty & JoAnne Katzmarck, Nancy Walsh & Linda Mackey for shore land grading due to the demolition of a building on the property. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairperson Webb reviewed the action item list.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

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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