

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
5:00pm at the Barnes Town Hall**

(UNAPPROVED)

At 5:11pm the Special Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Krob. Roll Call was taken with Supervisors Donna Porter, Julie Bohl, and Tom Emerson present establishing a quorum. Clerk-Treasurer, Brenda Bakke was also present. Bakke verified public notice. Supervisor Christine Webb reported at 5:20pm.

Motion made (Porter/Emerson) to approve the Agenda. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Public comment session – No one from the public came forward with comments.

Land Use Planning Commission – One application on the table.

- 1) Larry & Cheryl Peterson/Howling Wolf Resort application requesting to re-establish 4' wide handicap accessible path to the lake, appealing Bayfield County Zoning Department denial of previous request.
 - Land Use Planning Commission - Chairman Gene Ratzel – Ratzel explained how the LUPC came to their decision and the considerations the Commission went through to make their decision. Bottom line is that they were tied to the wording of the CLUP. The LUPC's recommendation is to not approve this project because does not conform to the CLUP page 5-23, number 3 under policies, programs, and actions.
 - Larry Peterson – Peterson explained the history of the project, issues they have had and the actions they have taken to try to get this job approved in order to reinstall a pathway to the lake so their handicapped guests of the resort can access the lake using a golf cart or ATV.
 - Bayfield County Representatives Input – Ken Jardine and Brett Rondeau of Bayfield County were present and reported that this item will be addressed Thursday again by Bayfield County Zoning.

Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to allow this project. Roll call vote with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Health Insurance options for renewal were compared and discussed by the Board.

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to renew the current health insurance plan for November 1, 2015 – October 31, 2016. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to recess the Special Town Board Meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

A 6:12pm the Special Town Board Meeting reconvened at the Barnes Town Office.

Chairman Krob read the Closed Session language: As the governing body for the Town of Barnes, the Town Board will go into a closed session pursuant to the following:

State Statute 19.85(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”

Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) authorizes a closed session for: Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Motion made (Bohl/Porter) to go into Closed Session. Roll call vote taken with all Board members voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion made (Porter/Bohl) to return to Open Session. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:44pm.

Budget progress and upcoming meetings were discussed.

Employee Handbook review was not conducted at this meeting.

Motion made (Webb/Porter) to table discussion of the Employee Handbook revisions until next Mondays' meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion made (Porter/Krob) to adjourn the Special Board Meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Special Board Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.