**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES**

**Monthly Town Board Meeting**

**Tuesday October. 15, 2024**

**6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Hall**

**Approved**

1. The **Monthly Town Board Meeting** was called to Order by Tom Renz at 6:30pm and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Dave Scully, Jim Frint, Eric Neff, Seana Frint and Chairman Tom Renz in attendance. Deputy Meyer verified notice.

Tom requested to have 09/17/2024 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes changed in the Highway Agenda items to reflect the Quote approval from Boyer Trucking for the purchase of the Western Star Plow Truck of $176,081.

*Motion to approve the minutes of the 9/17/2024 monthly Board Meeting with the correction to the Highway Department Agenda item and to dispense with the reading of those minutes by Eric Neff seconded by Jim Frint. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

Public Comment Session – No attendees

Discuss/ Approve Barnes Community Church-Parking lot entrance landscape.

*A motion was made by Eric Neff seconded by Dave Scully to approve Barnes Community Church Parking lot entrance landscape following the resolution R06-09 made in 2006 that grants Barnes Community Church the use of town property next to the church entrance.*

Doug Westerberg spoke on behalf of the Barnestormers. The Barnestormers are requesting the use of the existing WIFI from the Transfer Station. The reasoning for the WIFI is to allow the ability to install security cameras and preform Zoom meeting for members.

*A motion was made by Tom Renz to allow access to the Barnestormers to the WIFI from the Transfer station with the stipulation it will not come to any cost to the Town of Barnes. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.*

Clerk Correspondence: The clerk informed the board about archiving emails and moving to MS365 network-email passwords.

Approve/Sign R24-10 Resolution to correct error on Resolution R24-04 and correctly discontinue the following: *All the platted area known as Maplewood (Lane) adjacent to Lot 1 & Lots 22 through 34, Block 18 and that portion adjacent to the “private drive” within Block 18 and Lots 10 through 24, Block 19 of Plat of Meyers & Worthington’s First Addition to Tomahawk Lake, Town of Barnes, Bayfield County, Wisconsin*

*A motion was made by Tom Renz and seconded by Eric Neff to correct the error and approve the Resolution R24-04*.

Approve/Add Kari Hufnagle to Associated Bank Accounts as a signor along with Lisa Meyer and one Board Member.

*A motion was made by Dave Scully and seconded by Jim Frint to approve Kari Hufnagle to be added to all Associated Bank accounts, making signors Lisa Meyer and 1 Board Member.*

Approval to change from Paycom to Paylocity effective 10/28/2024.

*A motion was made by Eric Neff and seconded by Jim Frint to make the change from Paycom to Paylocity effective 10/28/2024.*

Sign Agreement with Riglemon

*No motion was needed to sign the Ringlemon contract due to the contract be motioned to approval in the 9/17/2024 Board Meeting.*

*Dave Scully Motioned to open the floor for public discussion, Tom Renz Seconded.*

*The Floor was open to Chris Webb who was able to elaborate to the board and public what the appraisal process was for a property evaluation from the appraiser.*

*Tom Renz motioned to close the floor seconded by Seana Frint.*

Discuss /Sign Norvodo Deed- for approving to remove the revision clause and accepting the rifle range deeded back to the town.

*A motion was made by Tom Renz and seconded by Eric Neff to table the Norvodo Deed until further notice.*

Approval of September Vouchers

*A motion was made by Jim Frint and seconded by Dave Scully to approve the September Vouchers.*

Treasurer’s Report:

Lisa Meyer reported as of September 3oth the balance in the general checking account was $499,518.45. The Money market savings balance is $458,028.98. The Vatten Paddlar account $4,488.35, Taste of Barnes $5,011.21, PayPal $5,889.56 and the tax account $5,022.29. Total in all accounts, $977,958.84, interest earned in September $6,259.72for a total YTD of $977,958.84.

*A motion was made by Dave Scully and seconded by Tom Renz to* *approve the Treasurer’s Report*. *Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

TOB Department Head Reports: **Highway Department** – Monthly Roads Report (Jeff J.) – Transfer Site (Jeff H.)

**Hwy Dept. Roads Report:**

Buildings:

Power has been run and hooked up to the salt shed in the back. Along our salt allowance for the year has been hauled and put away.

Town Garage: Arch Heating is waiting on parts to repair the exhaust for the garage heater(s).

Town Hall/ Clerks office is not on generator power. There is a quote coming.

Bridges: No update

Roads:

Ellison Lake Road bids have been received and been awarded to Olson Bros.

Mulligan Creek Road: Has been widened and graveled for the loggers.

Rabbit Hutch: Culvert has been replaced and gravel hauled & placed as well.

Industrial Road: Gravel has been hauled and placed. Signs are installed. Should we name it west industrial/east industrial?

*A motion was made by Tom Renz and seconded by Jim Frint to keep the road named Industrial Road.*

Stockpile Road: Looking at shorting it, because there are gates across the gas tax map.

Jim Miller Road: Will have some changes done as well. Some of the fire numbers will have to have some changes to White Pine Court.

Clearwater Court: Will have fire number changes as well.

Mimi Lake Boat Landing: Will have fire number assigned to it as a road name sign as well.

Equipment:

Henderson V box has to have a new conveyor chain. Chain is here.

Truck 48: Will need new drive tires. They are on order.

2015 John Deere Grader will need a tie rod end.

**HWY Agenda Items:**

Scope of services for Cedar Corp

*A motion was made by Tom Renz and seconded by Eric Neff to move forward with the engineering process with Cedar Corp.*

**Transfer Site Report:**

The Transfer station had three 30 yard open top trash containers, two 40 yard trash compactors, and one 40 yard recycle compactor go out in the month of September.

Also the Transfer station as of October is now open Wednesday, and Sunday only for the winter months.

**June Monthly Foreman Report:**

Industrial Park:

**Fire Department** – Monthly BES Report –Brock Friermood

**Fire Dept Monthly Report:**

Calls: 2

-1 smoke alarm

-1 motor vehicle incident

The old engine sold on the auction block. The buyer picked it up.

A few other items were sold and they were picked up as well

The valve on the new engine that wasn’t working has been fixed.

Air compressor for SCBA station continues to be worked on. Air quality test results just came back and it passed.

-**Fire Agenda Items: None**

**Ambulance Department** – Monthly BES Report – by Brett Friermood

**Monthly Ambulance Report:**

There have been 8 calls in the last month.

Trevor has been on boarded and is settling into his position including responding on a couple calls already.

LifeQuest submitted the application for Medicare revalidation but heard back that more information is needed. I am working on getting that to them. I am also working on a request from Veterans Affairs to update billing information.

The EMS Office has opened the application period for the Funding Assistance Program which we will be applying for. I have approved purchasing the Lifeline ARM through Ferno and am working through that with them.

**Ambulance Agenda Items: None**

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

**A.I.S. Committee**- Chris Webb

The AIS Committee is finalizing the project expenses for 2024 to submit reimbursement requests from DNR for the applicable grants. BAISS harvesting activities have been fully summarized by Cris Neff, and I thank her sincerely for her leadership with the BAISS activities.

We are waiting to hear from DNR staff to schedule a meeting to review the 2025-2026 Grant Application for Tomahawk/Sand Bar Lakes. The review is necessary to ensure all documentation required is included in the final application due November 15, 2024. There was a line item in this grant application for administration of the grant of $2200 to be directed toward the position of AIS Committee Chairman. If approved, discussion will be had with Town Clerk and Town Board Chair for allocating the amount.

The Committee is discussing the Clean Boats Clean Water program and how to make changes to activities to stay within the financial guidelines provided by the DNR CBCW allowance of $4000 per monitoring station. Since wages increased over time, the grant money does not allow for 20 hours per lake to be fully paid for the whole season. We will need to look at reducing the number of hours for paid boat monitors. At the September monthly meeting, the Committee was introduced to CD3 Systems which offer cleaning stations to be used by boaters. The stations would still need to be monitored but not necessarily for the entire time that is currently scheduled for boat landing monitors. It has been decided to send recruitment letters to existing paid and volunteer boat landing monitors to basically re-apply for their positions. Same will be true for the AIS Coordinator position.

Volunteer appreciation picnic was enjoyed and appreciated by the AIS volunteers who could attend. In the past the AIS Committee recognized the volunteer hours spent on their projects by having drawings for prizes. Since the projects have changed in scope the Committee is looking for other ways to recognize all volunteers. One idea was to have an online store with Town of Barnes shirts and hats, where any Committee could give vouchers for free merchandise based on their criteria, or the public could purchase items for fundraising. This is in initial stage of discussion, the AIS Committee will keep the Town Board informed of their efforts so not to be duplicated and also to receive Town Board approval of any plan presented.

The Committee continues to look for ways to increase the number of members and are looking for persons to assist with Social Media, mapping, and assisting the Committee Chair in 2025.

**LUPC**-Seana Frint – Did not have a meeting

**Parks & Rec Committee**-Did not have a meeting

**New Business**

Review Timeline – Changes made as requested by Tom Renz

*A motion was made by Eric Neff and seconded by Jim Frint to* *adjourn. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

13) Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM

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