

# MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes

Tuesday – June 17th, 2025  
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall  
**Approved**

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Call to order the **Monthly Town Board Meeting** at 6:31 pm. Roll call to establish a quorum with Chair Tom Renz, Jim Frint, Seana Frint, Paul Susienka and Eric Neff in attendance.

Verification of public notice

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

*A motion was made by Eric to approve the agenda, seconded by Seana*

Jeff Jordheim requested to amend the agenda and add the discussion of chip sealing to the highway agenda items.

Eric rescinded his original motion to approve the agenda

*Tom made a new motion to add the discussion of Fahner rd. to the highway agenda items, seconded by Seana, motion passed.*

*A motion was made by Eric to approve the agenda with the addition of Fahner rd., seconded by Paul, motion passed*

*A motion was made by Eric 5/20/2025 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes and the 5/20/2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes to dispense with the reading of those minutes, seconded by Paul, motion passed*

## **Public Comment Session:**

Florance Pricket expressed her concern about traffic speed on Hwy N. She requested the speed be lowered. Florance was informed by Tom that to lower the limit farther then it has already been it would need to go through the County and have a traffic survey completed.

## **Clerk Correspondence:**

Clerk informed the board that the Board of review has been completed and that reports back from the public that Taste of Barnes went very well. Clerk also informed the board that we are still waiting for answers from the auditor.

## **One year operator license**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the 1-year operator's license for Alec Schmitz, seconded by Paul, motion passed*

## **Discuss/Approve 2-year operator license for Dawn Piburn, Mike Frelichowski, Loretta Jordheim, Lester Gates, Don Bergquist, Kelly Krivinchuk and Elizabeth Baldwin**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the 2-year operator's license for Dawn Piburn, Mike Frelichowski, Loretta Jordheim, Lester Gates, Don Bergquist, Kelly Krivinchuk and Elizabeth Baldwin, Roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion passed*

## **Discuss/Approve 2-year operator license for Julie Hall and Jim Frint**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the 2-year operator's license for Julie Hall and Jim Frint, roll call vote taken Jim and Seana abstained with three members voting yes, motion passed*

## **Discuss/Approve Class B Combination Liquor Licenses for Traut's Resort, Cedar Lodge, Barnes VFW, KTKG (Robinson Lake Resort and Bar, Enchanted Inn, Moonbeam Cove Class (Crosswinds), Koffee Kup, Ruckus Works and The Windsor**

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**Discuss/Approve class B combination and Tobacco License PJ's Cabin Store, Decoy Bar, Tracks and the Trading Post.**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve Combination Class B liquor license and Tobacco license for PJ's Cabin Store, Decoy Bar, Tracks and the Trading Post, roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion passed*

**Discuss/Approve Jim's Bait class A liquor license and Tobacco license**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the Class A liquor license and Tobacco license for Jim's Bait, roll call vote taken, Jim and Seana abstained with three voting yes, motion passed*

**Discuss/Approve employee interview process**

Brock asked if this policy pertained to volunteers, Tom informed that it is only for employed employees. No issues with policy.

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the employee interview process policy #101 effective as of July 1, 2025, seconded by Paul, roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion passed*

**Discuss/Approve Road Destruction Ordinance**

Discussion on how this ordinance protects the town against heavy road repair costs from damage from logging trucks, contractor vehicles and other activities.

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the Road Destruction Ordinance 25-02 will being in effect after class 1 notice, seconded by Paul, motion passed*

**Discuss/approve Sexton job description**

All board members agreed with current job description for Sexton.

*A motion was made by Jim to approve the current Sexton job description, seconded by Seana, motion passed*

**Discuss/approve EMT job description**

The board decided to add an addition to section II E. line b a section b1 stating that b can be waved with approval of the board

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the EMT job description with the addition of b1, seconded by Jim, motion passed*

Discussion of all job descriptions having a signature of employee line

*A motion was made by Tom to add a signature line for employees to all job descriptions, seconded by Jim, motion passed*

**Review/ Discuss cemetery fees/possible action**

Discussion on surrounding area fees being comparable to the Town of Barnes. No motion needed to keep the Cemetery fees the same. A line item will be added for the Cemetery called Hwy Cemetery assistance for the budget of 2026.

**Discuss/ Approve Cedar Corp recommendation**

The board discussed their satisfaction of the Ellison Lake rd. project. County reimbursements will go back to the Hwy Outlay account.

*A motion was made by Tom to pay the Cedar Corp final payment recommendation of \$122,632.43 for the Ellison Lake Rd. project, seconded by Paul, roll call vote all voting yes, motion passed*

**Monthly voucher approval:**

*A motion was made by Eric to approve May vouchers, seconded by Seana, motion passed*

**Treasurer's Report:** by Kari Hufnagle -Clerk-Treasurer

As of May 31st, the balance in the general checking account was \$403,287.18. The Money market savings balance is \$435,650.06. Taste of Barnes \$6,241.21, PayPal \$6,689.56 and the tax account \$267,748.43. Total in all accounts, \$1,119,616.44. Interest earned in May was \$517.39 for a total YTD of \$2,460.55.

*A motion was made by Eric to approve the Treasures report, seconded by Seana, motion passed*

**Ais committee update**

**Approval of Bill Sande as AIS Diver**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve Bill Sande as an AIS Diver, Seconded by Paul, motion passed*

**Approval of appointing Bill Sande to the AIS Committee**

*Town chairman Tom appointed Bill Sande to the AIS committee*

**Approval and signatures of contracts with Endangered Resource Services**

*A motion was made by Tom to the board asking for permission to sign the contracts with Endangered Resource Services, roll call vote all voting yes, motion passed*

**Approval to contract with Northwest Regional Planning Commission to complete application process for the DNR Surface Water Grants and for consultant services in connection with the DNR Surface Water Grants**

*A motion was made by Tom to complete the application process with Northwest Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Eric, motion passed*

**Parks and rec- Blair**

Report that signage is being discussed for the whole park, ski trails and snowshoe trails. Working on the entrance of the town park and memorial garden.

**Roads and right of way**

No update

**Building committee- Paul**

Met and discussed storage options and the building was tested for asepsis, negative results.

**TOB Department Head Reports:**

**Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report-Jeff Jordheim**

Equipment: Nothing to report, except # 50

Buildings: The building committee has met this past Wednesday to view the highway garage. Generator has been ordered for the Town Hall and Clerks Office.

Roads: Ellison/Moore Intersection is complete other than some new signage that is on order. Barnes Road snow Xing has been repaired as well. Mowing started on the east side of town. Then move south and return up the west side of the town. Grading will continue, residents be aware of the moving operation of the grader. Allow plenty of room. Mailboxes: I am seeing residents installing them incorrectly. Either too close to the road or not at the proper height. As well as the post or framing being too big (heavy). It is the homeowner's responsibility to have them installed correctly. The homeowner can be held liable if struck by a auto and did break away or move properly when it is hit.

Parks: Playground equipment has been demoed and hauled away. There is three pieces of plastic that was not thrown. If any resident has a use. Contact Jeff at the garage. The swim dock has been through the garage for minor repair and is ready to be placed at TLP. Will need volunteers for the placement.

Transfer Site: The passes have arrived and are available at the clerks office as well at the transfer site.

**L-Rip discussion**

Discussion on L-Rip plan and proposing Hwy 27 and Lake Rd. all the way to the bridge and including the bridge. South Shore Bridge is still up for discussion and may be presented as a second L-Rip project

**Discuss/Approve triple chip seal of Point of Pines rd., double chip seal west end of Ellison Lake rd. and Fahner rd.**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve chip seal of point of pines rd. and Ellison Lake rd. and Fahner Rd., seconded by Jeff.*

**Approval of removing ATV/UTV speed limit**

Paul informed the board that the current ATV/UTV ordinance follows state laws and there is no need to remove the ATV/UTV speed limit. Tom recommended to the board to remove the Town of Barnes ATV/UTV ordinance.

*A motion was made by Tom to remove the ATV/UTV ordinance, seconded by Paul, roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion passed*

**Discuss truck #50 2009 chevy ¾ ton pickup (repair or replace)**

Discussion by Board concluded to fix and repair truck #50.

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

Calls: 1-1- smoke alarm

Had 14 of the 22 SCBA bottles hydro-tested. They all passed. This is the last test for them, they are due for replacement in 2030. Working on setting up other tests, such as the SCBA flow test and annual hose and ladder testing. Working on setting up fire classes, through Northwood Tech, to be hosted here in Barnes to help out newer members, along with other members to increase their training. Had a booth at the Taste of Barnes this past weekend.

**Discuss/approve Marlo Sumnar for membership:**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the membership of Marlo Sumner, seconded by Jim, motion passed*

**Discuss/approve Julia Fahrner for membership:**

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the membership of Julia Fahrner, seconded by Seana, motion passed*

**Ambulance Department – Monthly BES Report – Brett Frierhood**

Brett was on vacation last week, so I have a short report. There have been 6 calls in the last month. No calls into Highland. The full-time EMTs have been assisting with cleaning as needed. I had a short conversation with Brian, the County EMS Coordinator, and will be meeting with him later this week.

**Review Timeline:**

Eric asked for the hockey rink to be added to the timeline.

Tom asked for review of ordinances to be added to the timeline, 2 for review at each board meeting.

*A motion was made by Eric to adjourn at 8:22pm, seconded by Seana, motion passed*

**\*\*\*\*\*DISCUSSION AND ACTION MAY OCCUR ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS\*\*\*\*\***

***The Town Board reserves the right to solicit information only from Town Staff or Committee members present, without opening the floor to discussion.***

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