

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – December 15, 2015 at 6:30PM
In the Barnes Town Hall

(Unapproved)

At 6:30pm Chairman Tom Krob called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to order. Roll call was taken with Town Supervisors Christine Webb, Julie Bohl, and Tom Emerson present establishing a quorum. Also present were Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer and Bob Lang, Roads and Properties Foreman. Supervisor Donna Porter and Tom Renz, Ambulance Director/Fire Chief were absent due to training. Bakke verified public notice. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was then said by all.

Motion made (Webb/Emerson) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 11/17/2015 Monthly Board Meeting, and the 12/03/2015 Special Board Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Public Comment Session –

Greg Martin asked if the Conservation Club getting their mail at the Town Hall would be discussed later as postal service is on the agenda. Krob stated the local postal service would be discussed.

Vouchers Approval –

Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve the November vouchers. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Brenda Bakke

Treasurer's Report

November Treasurer's Reports –

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) to approve the November Treasurer's Report. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Clerk Correspondence

Operator License approval –

Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) to approve the 2 year Operator License application for Vallarie Myers. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) to approve the 1 year Operator License application for Haley Rasmussen. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Rugs for the Town Office and Town Hall – Proposal presented and discussed for purchasing commercial grade rugs for the Town Hall and Town Office at a substantial savings verses annual expense with our current vendor.

Motion made (Bohl/Webb) to purchase commercial rugs for the Town Hall and Town Office as proposed. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Planned schedule for in-person property tax payments was discussed.

Motion made (Krob/Emerson) to take in person property tax payments during all open office hours. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report was presented by Bob Lang. Discussion of possible changes to Wallman Rd. followed.

Fire & Ambulance Departments – Monthly BES Reports was presented by Tom Krob in Tom Renz's absence.

Ambulance Service Policies – Changes made to Ambulance Service Policies regarding on call hours and consequences of not meeting the required number of on call hours was discussed.

Motion made (Emerson/Bohl) that the revised Ambulance Services policies be approved pending legal review, and be made effective January 1, 2015. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Constable – Monthly Report from Mike O'Keefe was presented by Tom Krob.

TOB Committee and Commission Reports:

E.M.S. Committee – Guy Johnston provided updates of the EMS Committee activities. He reported they will be sending surveys to area EMS providers. Visits to go out and meet other EMS agencies face to face and obtain data on how other services are run are also planned. Data will be compiled for comparisons to be made.

Transfer Site Committee – Tom Emerson

Recycling Fees – Tom Emerson discussed the current charges for recyclables charged by us verses what our recycling vendor charges us, and suggests pricing be standardize in accordance with the vendors' charges.

Motion made (Webb/Bohl) to raise fees from \$15 to \$20 for anything with refrigerant to be dropped off at Transfer Site effective January 1, 2016. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Krob made a motion to open the floor to discussion. No second was made. Motion failed.

Krob discussed services available at the old dump site in Duluth including what items are accepted there, pricing, etc.

Town Hall Use Agreement – Changes include change to allow dancing without Board permission. Other changes include no use of the dishwasher or stove. Crockpots and microwave use will be allowed.

Webb suggests letter A regarding fund raising under exclusions be eliminated.

Motion made (Bohl/Emerson) to approve additional changes as discussed. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

Postal Service in Barnes – Krob met with the Postmaster in Solon Springs last Friday. He is definitely in favor of keeping USPS presence in Barnes. The people that make the decisions are in Eagan, Mn. Jim's Bait has put in a request to takeover/acquire and add P.O. Boxes which is apparently important the U.S.P.S. He will forward the concerns and wishes of the Town Board and said he would keep me in apprised. I also asked him about the blue USPS collection box and told him the board would consider putting it at Town Hall location if they needed a new spot. Krob will call for update.

Follow-up from last month's meeting -
Town Board Issues Timeline Log had no changes.

Motion made (Webb/Bohl) to adjourn the Monthly Board Meeting. Voice vote taken with no opposition. Motion carried.

The Monthly Board Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Brenda Bakke, Clerk-Treasurer