

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday December 18, 2018
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 at the 5:30 Special Town Board Meeting, establishing a quorum. Judy Bourassa verified public notice.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was said by all.

Motion made (Emerson/Frint) to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 11/20/2018 Budget Hearing, Town Electors Meeting and Monthly Board Meeting and the 11/14 and 11/29/2018 Special Board Meetings and to dispense with the reading of those minutes. Voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Public Comment Session:

Motion made (Frint/Emerson) to open the floor to a public comment session. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Ted Eastlund spoke and suggested that the Lakes Committee continue to meet monthly past the March end date

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

Clerk Correspondence-cutting notices for property owned by Gene Ratzel and John Loughren. Letters were received from Bayfield County Planning & Zoning regarding Mathy Construction's extension of Conditional Use Application for Asphalt Plant to July 10, 2019 and a notice of violation sent to Rick Ford, property owner of 49435 River Rd for a fence placed within 35 feet of the ordinary high-water mark of a navigable water. Removal is required by March 1, 2019. The clerk also reported that all tax bills were mailed by December 10th and at least the first installment is due by January 31, 2019, payable to Town of Barnes Treasurer. Paperwork has been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement of expenses for repairs (totaling over \$100,000) due to the flooding event in June of 2018.

Resolution 18-14 – Treasurer's Bond-state statute requires an amount no less than the amount of state and county taxes apportioned to the town – that amount is \$1,240,740.59 at a cost of \$779.00

Motion made (Emerson/Porter) to adopt Resolution 18-14 authorizing the bonding of the town treasurer. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Discussion of need for event planner for the Vatten Paddlar. Kevin Shriver has indicated that he doesn't want to manage the race so we need a new event planner. The clerk will put out a notice on the town website and Facebook page and an advertisement will be placed in the Bottom Line News.

Vouchers approval –November vouchers

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report: Judy Bourassa

The November Treasurer's Report prepared by Bourassa was reviewed. The total of all accounts is \$1,182,217.73 and the year-to-date interest earnings is \$6,166.30

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve the November Treasurer's report. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Highway Department -Monthly Roads Report was read by Jim Frint
December 2018 Monthly Road Crew Report

A couple of smaller nuisance snows have led to a couple of rounds of plowing, scraping and sanding roads.

We've been working on burning brush piles. Bigger piles from storm damage and piles not being completely burned last year made it a challenge but we'd like to thank Chuck Jerome for the loan of his equipment to help stir the piles and get them burned up. We also had trouble burning and cleaning them up afterwards due to extremely large stumps with lots of dirt around them being added to the piles. We'd like to remind people that anything over 4" in diameter needs to be disposed of elsewhere and construction materials, dresser drawers and similar items are not to be added to the pile.

We continue to work on getting the equipment on a maintenance schedule and have had the box replaced on Truck 31. A new truck has been ordered to replace 31 but could take a year to get here so the new box gives us a more usable box during that time and will increase its resale value next year when it's time to sell it. Jerry's truck has been in for repair on the starter.

We have a lead or two on a newer town pickup truck and are researching a new salt shed to see what will fit our needs for the long term.

We met with representatives from the DNR and Morgan & Parmley to discuss work on Denver Rd and to see what issues we might run into working that close to the Ounce River.

Upcoming plans include more maintenance, more plowing and more legwork on a newer truck and new salt shed.

The brush pits have now been burned and will be locked unless the Transfer Site is open. Trees are limited to 4" diameter, there have been too many stumps dropped off and they contain a lot of dirt which won't burn. Please see the attendant before going up to the brush pit.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to compensate Chuck Jerome of Jerome Excavating Contractors \$1,000 for the use of his equipment to clean up the brush pits. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Chairperson Webb clarified that the highway crew is limited to \$20,000 to purchase a replacement truck (to replace the 1995 Chevy ¾ ton that was just bid out and sold for \$2,010).

The Denver Rd. reconstruction was discussed. This is to mitigate flood damage and Morgan & Parmley is currently developing project plans in coordination with the DNR to determine what permit(s) will be needed. 2.08 miles will be reconstructed in the spring of 2019. The clerk will send out letters to affected property owners. The highway crew will be doing some prep work (such as brushing and possibly installing a culvert) as weather permits.

The Chair recognized Rick Tello and he addressed the board and asked if any state or federal money has been received to repair the damaged roads from last summer's flooding. Chairperson Webb said that we have submitted paperwork to FEMA for reimbursement.

The purchase of a 13' Road Groom and required down payment was discussed. Jim Frint addressed the board stating that since we live in sand country, there is limited time after rains to grade and the Road Groom is pulled behind a truck and works much more quickly than the grader.

Motion made (Emerson/Desrosiers) to approve the purchase of a Road Groom at a cost of \$20,767 and the payment of 10% (\$2,077 from this year's budget) as a down payment. The remainder will be paid out of the 2019 budget. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A revised timesheet for the Highway Department was presented by the clerk. This allows for the entry of the equipment that was used and which road/project was worked on. It would be implemented January 1st for use by the Highway crew and Parks Maintenance employees.

Fire and Ambulance Departments' monthly BES reports were read by Tom Renz

**Town of Barnes Fire and Ambulance Monthly Report
December 2018**

The ambulance has had 4 ambulance calls

3 –transported to Essentia Health in Duluth

2 with Gold Cross Intercepts

1 – with helicopter

1 –transported to Hayward

The First responder class is finishing up on Wednesday with the skills testing then they will have to schedule a date to complete the national registry for licensing. If they all pass this will be an additional three First responders on ambulance

Fire Department – Has one assist the ambulance for landing zone.

Three members completing the First responder course.

A Request for Proposal for grant search and grant writing was presented by Chairperson Webb. This would find sources for grants for the new Fire/Ambulance Hall. A survey would be required of random residents. Tom Renz is in favor of pursuing this.

Motion made (Desrosiers/Porter) to authorize the Request for Proposal for Grant Research and Grant Writing. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

The Constable report was read by Chair Webb

Report Dec 2018.....(1) deer hit hwy 27 : contacted to sheriff(12) Property checks for out of town residents(1) noise complaint : Bony lake areaend report

TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) Roads & Right of Way Committee –Tom Emerson

The recommendation of the committee to send a road damage exemption letter to Boulder Lodge Rd property owners regarding snowplowing was reviewed. It states the Town would not be liable for damages caused by snowplowing. It was questioned whether the exemption would carry over if the property was sold. The clerk was asked to find out the name of the condo association and that be included in the letter.

Motion made (Desrosiers/Emerson) to approve the amended (with the changes referred to above) Road Damage Exemption for Boulder Lodge Road and authorize the clerk to send the letter to Jim Beauto who will get the needed signatures. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

A Request for Proposal for a Road Management Plan was discussed. Supervisor Emerson stated that the RROW Committee will make recommendations to the board in regard to road maintenance and reconstruction needs. He noted that the total road miles figure is incorrect. Chairperson Webb stated that Regional Planning can help with this. She also noted that the PASER ratings haven't been updated recently. The clerk will work with Supervisor Emerson to determine the correct total for road miles.

Motion made (Porter/Desrosiers) to approve the Request for Proposal for a Road Management Plan. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

b) Parks & Rec Committee –

- c) 1. Tomahawk Lake Park update-Tom Renz reported that volunteers have installed the rafters and an interior wall has been constructed. The metal roofing has been ordered as well as windows and doors. The electrician will be out after the 1st of the year.

d) Transfer Site Committee –

1. The purchase of no-slip rugs for the floor in the building was discussed and quotes from Rubber Cal were reviewed. Chairperson Webb reported that she has spoken with someone about a way to alter the concrete to reduce slippage but it can't be done in the winter months. The board asked Jim Frint to get more information regarding the warranty and cost for 3/8". Concerns about whether the rugs would hold up to vehicle traffic need to be addressed.

e) Lakes Committee –

1. Progress on requested recommendations. Linda Mackley reported that they are still in the information gathering stage. They are looking at ways to educate the public, in particular regarding distances (from dock, persons in the water, other watercraft). The addition of a 5th member is still being considered.

e) Veterans Memorial Initiative

1. Discussion of progress-Chairperson Webb asked Tom Emerson if any pictures of other memorials have been submitted, Tom reported that he hasn't received any yet. We need design and location ideas. She stated the need for possible members to complete the request for committee appointment form that can be found on the town website.

Action Items and Timeline-they were reviewed and updated

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

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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