

# MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes

Tuesday – April 15th, 2025  
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall  
**Approved**

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Call to order the **Monthly Town Board Meeting** at 8:48pm. 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 and the minutes of the 3/18/2025 Special Town Board Meeting and the Monthly Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes, seconded by Jim.*

## **Public Comment Session-**

Dona Porter asked about unapproved minutes being posted, she was informed it is on the agenda for May.

Dona Porter also asked about the use of microphones during meetings.

**Clerk Correspondence-** None

**Employee of the year** was presented by Tom, Sarah Juleff Ambulance Dept

**Volunteer of the year** was presented by Tom, Chris Webb AIS

## **Claude Riglemon Assessor update:**

Claude discussed the upcoming property assessments and the importance of verifying information, measuring, and taking photographs. He addressed concerns about privacy and trespassing, explaining that assessors are allowed to enter properties once a year for assessment purposes. He also mentioned that most of the field work will be done by himself and a technician, Scott Sorensen. He highlighted that this year is a normal maintenance year, and no changes will be seen unless there is new construction. Claude also mentioned that they have identified acreage discrepancies in Bayfield County and will remedy them. He encouraged property owners to email him if they have identified any issues. Claude discussed the process of combining properties and the importance of using a certified surveyor.

*A motion was made by Eric to approve the March vouchers, seconded by Seana.*

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

As of March 31st, the balance in the general checking account was \$377,473.69. The Money market savings balance is \$434,636.04. Taste of Barnes \$5,876.21, PayPal \$6359.56 and the tax account \$417,798.43. Total in all accounts, \$1,242,323.93. Interest earned in March was \$498.16 for a total YTD of \$1,446.53.

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

*A motion was made by Tom to remove Dave Scully from the signatory for Associated Bank, seconded by Eric*

*A motion was made by Tom to add Paul Susienka to the signatory for Associated Bank, seconded by Eric.*

**Ais committee update by Chris Webb:**

Clean Water monitoring will start fishing opener, 4 landings instead of 6 this year. We have the people's clean water training and plant identification. There is a meeting on Friday, April 25th from 9 to 12 o'clock at the Town Hall. AIS is currently looking for more volunteers to sign up for the boat landing monitors. BAIS boat will start on Lower Eau Claire for 2 weeks, then to Upper, then Middle, and then the other 2 will start May 12th weather depending on if it's warm enough for them to get in the water with their wetsuits. There has been a little hang up with some of the DNR permits. AIS has only gotten 4 out of the 7 needed. AIS did get the dash permit for Tomahawk. We didn't get the dash permit for Sandbar.

**Parks recreation update:** None

**TOB Department Head Reports:**

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

Multiple meetings with local snowmobile club to discuss safety with the automobiles and snowmobiles using the same real estate.

Changing from winter mode to summer mode. Plow equipment is starting to be removed. Salt order of 100 tons was placed late in March for the 25/26 plow year. Mix will leave us 1000 ton of salt/sand mix. The town will load and sand from the Barnes quarry and haul and mix at our facility. Tomahawk Lake Boat Ramp is in need of repair. Ice again has pushed the concrete slap out of the water. Waiting for approval to repair. The Tomahawk Lake Restroom was vandalized this past spring. Writing on the exterior walls. It is possible to have cameras installed. Mope discussion needed. The Ellison Lake Road/Moore Road project will be starting soon. Public, please be patient as the project should be done rather quickly. Obey all traffic control devices and highway personnel.

Jeff Jordheim requested that the beaver bounty be raised to \$65.00 per beaver.

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the new rate of \$65.00 per beaver, seconded by Eric.*

Jeff requested approval to rent a machine with drum mulcher from Lulich Equipment for \$8,300.00.

*A motion was made by Tom to approve the machine rental with the drum mulcher from Lulich for \$8,300.00, A roll call vote was taken all voting yes.*

**Present Barnstormers MOU discussion was tabled till May**

**Transit Site Report-Jeff Hong**

The Transfer Station had 1-40 yard trash compactor and 1-40 yard recycling compactor go out for service in March. The Transfer Site is now open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8AM-2PM

Jeff Hong requested from the board to approve the purchase of cameras to be installed at the transfer Site. The quote he has from South Central Alarm is \$4,800.00.

*A motion was made by Tom to allow the purchase of cameras for the Transfer Site, with the stipulation that Tom and Kari be added to the viewing permission of the cameras, seconded by Eric*

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

2 Calls

1-motor vehicle accident

1- lift assist for EMS

The engine had a major air leak, it has been fixed under warranty.

UTV tracks have been taken off and the wheels put back on.

2 members should be finishing the entry level class this Saturday, which is a live burn.

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

There have been 4 calls in the last month. One was in the Town of Highland.

Tiffany has been onboarded and is filling in where she can. She is unable to be at the meeting as she is out of town but plans on attending the May meeting. Hallie has also started her full-time schedule.

We received the EOLife airway trainer and conducted some initial training with it. We are planning further training with it and will be purchasing a more capable manikin.

**Review Timeline**

*A motion was made by Eric to Adjourn at 9:28pm, seconded by Seana.*

**\*\*\*\*\*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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