

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tuesday May 21, 2024
6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Hall

UNAPPROVED

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

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 4/16/2024 Monthly Board Meeting and 4/23/2024 Special Town Board Meeting, and to dispense with the reading of those minutes by (Eric/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

ADDED AGENDA ITEM: Approval of application for Doug Westerberg to become a member of the Roads & Right of Way Committee

A motion was made by (Eric/Tom) to approve the additional agenda item and discuss it with the committee section of the agenda.

Public Comment Session – None

Clerk Correspondence:

- Inform regarding changes to liquor and tobacco licensing for 2024-2025-New forms for this year, applications need to be to the clerks office by Friday 5/24/24 and paid by June 14, 2024.
- Inform regarding ARPA funds-Need to discuss obligation for remaining funds by Oct. 2024
- Reminder the “Maintenance of Effort” from the BES is due to the clerk no later than 5/31/24.
- Remider BOR Open Book Wed. 5/22/24 from 12-2pm and 1st meeting is Wed 5/29/24 12-2pm

Discuss original wording for the 1984 sale of Tax ID#2823 to Chequamegon Telephone Co-Op. The Town has not received the original deed from the attorney at the time of the meeting. Chairman Renz informed the board that when the town sold this property back in '84 it was heavily discounted due to the use for communication purposes. If Chequamegon were to sell it today for other use they would stand to make a huge profit and Renz believes some of those proceeds need to come back to the town. This item will be discussed further when the original deed is received from the attorney.

Approval for Clerk Meyer to attend the Treasurers Institute July 14-19. Total cost \$649.00

A motion was made by (Eric/Dave) to approve Lisa to attend the Treasurers Institute July 14-19. Total cost \$649.00. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Approve Retailer’s Temp Liquor License application for The Taste of Barnes

A motion to approve the Retailer’s Temp Liquor License application for The Taste of Barnes was made by (Dave/Jim). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Approval of additional election poll workers: Diane Menard, Rick Tello and Doug Westerberg

A motion to approve Diane Menard, Rick Tello and Doug Westerberg as additional Poll Workers was made by (Eric/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Kelly Knaus-Vatten Paddlar. Kelly discussed several items regarding the event with town employees. Kelly confirmed locations for porta-potties with Jeff Jordheim and requested a \$1,400 donation from the town specifically to hire staff to perform timing and software needed.

Discussion regarding a donation from the town was tabled as it was not budgeted for this year. It will be discussed at the budget meetings for 2025.

Discuss/approve winning bid for Ellison Lake Road project – no bids were received in the timeframe advertised.

A motion to approve the April vouchers was made by (Eric/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer reported that there is a balance of \$646,956.68 in the General checking account. \$451,008.81 in the Savings account – due to payoff of new Fire Truck, \$5,062.29 Tax account, \$3,471.75 in the Van Paddler account, \$6,793.12 in the PayPal account and \$4,797.15 in the Taste of Barnes account. The Vatten Paddlar account will be increased after a transfer from funds in the PayPal account is completed.

A motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report was made by (Dave/Jim). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

a) **Highway Department** – Monthly Roads-Jeff Jordheim/Transfer Site Report-Jeff Hong

Roads: Approved for gravel placement on forestry roads from Bayfield County Forestry.

Culvert replacement at the end of East Shore Road where it has been compromised by the snow plow, and has been repaired. Tree cutting will be happening along our town roads as well any limbs that could cause damage to public and town equipment.

Equipment: Excavator has been delivered and a chain saw has been mounted on the bucket for remote tree cutting/limbing etc.

Buildings: Town garage furnace exhaust needs repair (s). Will look at getting some bids together. Please turn alarm on @ the clerks office when you leave the building.

Parks/Docks: Loren is getting Parks whipped into shape. Docks are in, other than the swimming dock for Tomahawk Lake.

Also discussed were issues relating to infrastructure and buildings. There was a report about the bridge on River Road that was inspected and found to be deteriorating, with a private contractor hired to address the issue. The town also mentioned issues with the furnace exhaust and deteriorating condition of the Highway Garage and the need to consider whether to repair or replace the structure due to ongoing water leaks and heat loss. Additionally, the need for costs for these repairs was discussed, and the town indicated that they were trying to gather quotes and would discuss further in the future.

Transfer Site: Since the last meeting, we have had one 30 yard open top and one 40 yard trash compactor Get serviced on May 14th. The recycle compactor is approximately three quarters full.

Ordered a stand-up air conditioner for the guy's new building for summer months. There was mention of getting the Transfer Site committee going again, it will be added to the timeline and discussed in a future meeting.

1. Discussion/Action on a Buffalo Leaf Blower-mounted to the front of grader.

A motion to approve the lease on the Buffalo Leaf Blower for the grader at \$500/month for the remainder of 2024 and considered in the 2025 budget for purchase was made by (Eric/Jim). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

2. Discussion/Action on Culvert inspection by Delmore. The contract, initially proposed at \$35,000, was reduced to \$13,000 due to Delmore's offer and the Board's decision to cover half the cost this year and half next year. The Board also discussed potential road improvements, including the implementation of a culvert lining system that could significantly extend the lifespan of existing culverts.

A motion to approve the Culvert Inspection from Delmore was made by (Tom/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

b) Fire Department – Monthly Fire Report – Brock Frierhood

Calls: 2 calls

-1 fire alarm

-1 smoke in the area

Tender 1 wouldn't increase RPM or pressure at our last training night, Emergency Apparatus is on their way to take a look at this. They will be here the 17th, will give an update at the meeting.

Still working on getting all the equipment in the right spots on the new engine. Also working on finishing setup on the new Brush truck.

Received a new gas meter from the Ashland Fire Department. It has been placed into service.

Damian Von Frank has completed the fire officer class.

Events we have coming up are the Taste of Barnes along with our 4th of July fundraiser and raffle.

1. Approval to sell the 1991 Engine and equipment on auction

A motion to approve the sale of the 1991 Engine and Equipment was made by (Tom/Dave) with the understanding that the proceeds from that sale return to the General Fund. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

c) Ambulance Department – Monthly Ambulance Report – Brett Frierhood

There have been 5 calls since the last meeting.

Bayfield County has announced that the Community Health and Wellness Grant has been approved. Thank you to Courtney for her work on completing and submitting the application.

Data submission has been completed for the Medicare GADCS. The EMT/EMR refresher has concluded.

Starting in May we have begun a monthly blood pressure and vitals check clinic on Tuesdays for the summer.

Courtney has also been providing the same checks at the Thursday senior meals.

A new department website has been created and we are working on improving the content on it. Address:

<http://barnesemergencyservices.weebly.com/>

1. Approval of Mayo Mutual Aid Agreement

A motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement was made by (Dave/Tom). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

TOB Committee Reports

a) A.I.S. Committee-Chris Webb-Update on AIS Programs

1. Motion to approve purchase of computer dedicated to AIS Committee

A motion to approve the purchase of computer dedicated to AIS Committee was made by (Tom/Eric) price cannot exceed \$1,000. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

2. ChrisWebb discussed the need to approve chemical treatment plan for Sand Bar Lake to conform to DNR specifications as stated in the approved Chemical Aquatic Plant Control Permit. Namely to limit treatment to five sites and to use ProcellaCOR at a rate not to exceed 5PDU's.

A motion to approve the transfer of funds from AIS Sinking Fund as needed to cover costs of o chemical treatment of Sand Bar Lake was made by (Tom/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

b) Land Use Planning Committee

1. Consider Class A building permit for short term rental for Ryan Chamberlain, Boremann Road

A motion to approve the Class A building permit for short term rental for Ryan Chamberlain, Boremann Road was made by (Tom/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

c) Parks & Rec Committee

1. Discuss path to park-It was mentioned that there was a need for a path from the parking lot to the park. Jeff Jordheim will look into it and get back to the P&R Committee.
Chairman Renz mentioned that there would be an AED added to the park area.

d) Roads & Right of Way

1. Consider the application for Doug Westerberg to join the Roads & Right of Way Committee.
A motion to approve Doug Westerberg to become a member of the Roads & Right of Way Committee was made by (Eric/Tom), roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

The Timeline was reviewed and the Transfer Site Committee was added for future discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by (Tom/Dave). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM