

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES**  
**Monthly Town Board Meeting**  
Tuesday June 18, 2024  
6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Hall

**UNAPPROVED**

1) The **Monthly Town Board Meeting** was called to Order by Chairman Renz at 6:31pm and a Roll Call was done to establish a Quorum with Dave Scully, Jim Frint and Eric Neff in attendance. Seana Frint was absent. Clerk Meyer verified notice.

2) Pledge of allegiance to the flag

3) *Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 5/21/2024 Special Board Meeting and Monthly Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes by (Dave/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

4) Public Comment Session – Dave Schiess let the board know about the military monument they were planning for the cemetery which would include a bench. The town would be responsible for some sod removal, some gravel and a few short pieces of fence. Dave will get costs and further information together for next month's meeting.

5) River Road Culvert: Bill Kovaleski to discuss options on closure and what direction to go. Bill recommended that the East side of the bridge be closed due to lack of any sort of support. A discussion took place as to how much traffic travels the bridge, a timeline for closure and signage and the effect of a total closure including detour options. The decision was made to temporarily close to one lane for now and leave it up to Jeff Jordhiem to come up with a timeline and cost.

6) Ascendance Truck: Lance Williams here to discuss finance options on the new plow truck - tabled as Lance was not present. The Board will discuss next month.

7) Clerk Correspondence:

Both the jack attack choir and the Drummond 7<sup>th</sup> grade lake ecology ed program sent thank you cards to the town.

- Absentee applications can be filled out online at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or you can get an application on the town website under "town operation", "elections & voting info", "absentee application". Applications are also available at the clerk's office during business hours. Absentee ballots will be issued on 6/27 for the Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Primary. In-person absentee voting begins July 30<sup>th</sup>. Voter registration is due July 24<sup>th</sup>, all registrations received after that date will be considered "late" registrations and will not be listed in the poll book.
- Bayfield county has released a process for Short Term Rentals. That process is posted on the town website as well as the Bayfield Co website. The town will still require approval from both the LUPC as well as the Board. A valid Dept of Health certificate from the county will be required along with the annual fee for each application prior to issuing the town license.

6) Discuss incident reporting for employee injuries – Medcor. Chairman Renz would like to bring back the 1<sup>st</sup> report of injury form previously used prior to going to Medcor. This form will be used for training issues or to identify possible safety hazards. Forms will need to be completed for every incident and filed with the clerk's office.

7) Discuss/Approve changes to Calendar of Events. Clerk Meyer brought up several reasons for discontinuing the printed version of the calendar of events. Among those were the cost of stamps going up to .73 cents in

July of this year. Typically, the calendar is mailed out with property taxes. This increase in postage would cost the town approx. an additional \$400 to mail our property taxes. Not to mention the amount of labor and time that goes into recruiting businesses to join, getting all their event information and collecting payment. Also, last year we threw away a half a box at the end of the year and are on track to do that again this year. We have not collected enough money to cover the cost of printing them since 2021. The calendar of events will now be located on the "Community Calendar" on the website. If anyone would like to add their event, they can just email the deputy clerk with their information and any PDF attachment to have it added.

*A motion was made by (Dave/Eric) to approve going to a digital version as opposed to the printed version of the calendar of events. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

10) Jim F. would like to discuss ATV Trails – Jim mentioned that some ATV's were really tearing up the roads. The highway department is spending time on their days off to fix them. A resident with the ATV club mentioned they were going to make signs to post in the local establishments advising people to respect the trails and roads. Everyone agreed the issue is only with a few, most people are very respectful. A discussion took place regarding the difficulty in enforcing and going to the sheriff wasn't working, however Chairman Renz said to continue to contact the sheriff if you do witness an ATV being destructive to a road or trail.

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

Doug W. mentioned a Facebook comment that was in response to a resident posting about the torn-up roads and a negative comment that was posted in response.

Chris Webb brought up the Satute and that a fine or some type of community service would be the only way to stop them.

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

Chairman Renz mentioned we look at updating the ATV ordinance for next month's meeting.

11) Jim F. would like to discuss 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade – BES called in concerns, candy and porta pots who's paying/handling. Jim stated he would like to bring to light the water guns and the ice balloons. A lot of residents have complained that they are getting squirted with water when they are saying no, and others that are being hit with ice ballons and someone is going to be injured. A discussion took place regarding banning all. Dave S. brought up the fact that they had designated an area along the route that was considered a "dry zone". Eric N. mentioned he was not in that zone and said no, but was squirted anyway. The board further discussed maybe giving letters to all participants and not allowing them to be in the parade the next year if there is a report that they weren't following instructions. Then the discussion of how to enforce when you don't know who it is, maybe just a parade attendee and not a participant. Can't always identify. Brett F. made mention that anyone throwing a frozen balloon could be considered assault and anyone hit by one should call 911. A decision was made to put out a directive to parade participants when they are issued their number for the register. Anyone not following will not be allowed in next year's parade.

The porta pots should be paid out of the town event fund along with candy.

8) Approve Liquor License/ Cigarette/Tobacco Products Renewals for 2024

*A motion was made by (Tom/Eric) to approve Liquor License/ Cigarette/Tobacco Products Renewals for:*

<b>Angie's Koffee Kup, LLC</b>
<b>Barnes VFW Post 8329</b>
<b>Cedar Lodge Steakhouse &amp; Grille</b>
<b>Enchanted Inn</b>
<b>Hough Hospitality, LLC</b>
<b>Jim's Bait Shop</b>

<b>KTKG, LLC</b>
<b>Moonbeam Cove, Inc.</b>
<b>P J's Cabin Store</b>
<b>Ruckus Works, LLC</b>
<b>Salty Dawgs, LLC</b>
<b>The Windsor</b>
<b>Tracks Inn, LLC</b>
<b>Traut's Resort</b>
<b>Taste of Barnes-Temp</b>

*With the exception of Jim’s Bait. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

*A motion was made by (Dave/Tom) to approve Liquor License/ Cigarette/Tobacco Products Renewals for Jim’s Bait. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, Jim Frint abstained from voting, motion carried.*

9) Approve Operator Licenses 2024 – Jim and Seana Frint did NOT apply for an operator’s license, the board was confused by the spreadsheet that was supplied.

*A motion was made by (Tom/Eric) to approve Operators licenses for the following individuals:*

<b>1- Year</b>	
	Schmitz, Alec
<b>2- Year:</b>	
	Dalbec, Gregory
	Dalbec, Kimberly
	Foat Jr., Patrick J
	Frelichowski, Michael
	Leamy, Thomas
	Marshall, Hailey
	Martin, Matthew
	Portwood, Makaela
	Rasmussen, Haley
	Rice, Amy S
	Ruhman, Kendra
	Scheer, Donald
	Scheer, Jean M.
	Woodliff, Sherry

*Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

10) Approval – May vouchers

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

11) Treasurer's Report: Lisa Meyer

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

12) TOB Department Head Reports:

a) Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report (Jeff J.) – Transfer Site (Jeff H.)

1. Discussion of transfer site employee expectations for unloading vehicles. The board stated that all residents should unload their own vehicles. If they can't physically get the trash into the dumpster a transfer site attendant would take it from there. Transfer site attendants are not to be unloading vehicles.

2. Como Gas: Discussion on switching propane companies. Jeff provided a quote from Como Gas. Chairman Renz requested to put it out on bid.

Jeff J. mentioned the bid opening for Ellison Lake Rd due on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The board will try to meet for that purpose on June 28<sup>th</sup> or July 1st. Any costs will be brought to the board for approval.

**June Monthly Foreman Report**

Mowing operations have started. Public, please use caution

Culverts @ Mulligan Creek have been cleaned and are working correctly

Grading continues as usual.

Town garage – contacting Cedar Corp to start the process of what needs to be done on the building. Jeff will also incorporate Cedar on the bridge issue as well.

Industrial Park – Jeff asked Brock where we were at with splitting up the lots. It's in the County's hands, the town is waiting on zoning.

b) Fire Department – Monthly BES Report – Brock Frierhood

**Fire Dept Monthly Report**

Zero Calls.

Purchased 4 new rechargeable batteries for the SCBAs, they are now all rechargeable. They get swapped out every month.

Macqueen was here and did flow testing on all the SCBAs, they all passed.

Purchased a new selectable GPM nozzle and placed into service, will see how it performs.

Had a booth at the Taste of Barnes and sold food during the music.

c) Ambulance Department – Monthly BES Report – Brett Frierhood

**Monthly Ambulance Report**

There have been 12 calls since the last meeting. Hallie has been doing a great job of helping to cover weekday calls when she is available.

Sarah has been working on a grant for a Lucas CPR device. She couldn't submit it due to a tight deadline date but is planning to submit it during the current grant cycle.

1. Approval to hire Hallie Skweres as a PT EMR

*A motion was made by (Tom/Dave) to approve Hallie Skweres as a PT EMR (correction), hourly rate to be determined in a closed session. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

Brett then mentioned that the ambulance was damaged with Hallie driving. Chairman Renz requested an incident report be filed with the clerk's office.

13) TOB Committee and Commission Reports

a) A.I.S. Committee-Chris Webb-Update on AIS Programs (please see AIS minutes on the town website for details).

1. Motion to approve two certified divers; Dean Weber, Eric Johnson

*A motion was made by (Tom/Eric) to approve hiring Dean Weber and Eric Johnson as divers for the AIS program.*

*Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

b) LUPC

1. Approve Short Term Rental for Michael Toohey, 1885 Island Lake Road

*A motion was made by (Tom/Eric) to approve Short Term Rental for Michael Toohey, 1885 Island Lake Road. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

2. Approve Short Term Rental for Neet Back Forty LLC-previously licensed under Gerber, 52970 Connors Road

*A motion was made by (Tom/Dave) to approve Short Term Rental for Neet Back Forty LLC, 52970 Connors Road. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

c) Parks & Recreation – Blair Gagne - update on committee business (please see Parks & Rec minutes on the town website for details).

1. Approve a walkway between the parking lot and the park.

*A motion was made by (Tom/Eric) to approve a concrete ADA compliant walkway contingent upon a discussion with Jeff Jordhiem and a guarantee that there will be no labor requested from the Highway Dept. Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

- 14) Review Timeline – September 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Employee/Volunteer Appreciation picnic. All employees, volunteers, committee members and their families are welcome to attend.

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

- 15) Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM