

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
Wednesday July 24, 2024  
6:15 PM at the Barnes Town Hall

**UNAPPROVED**

The Special Town Board Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. A roll call to establish a quorum and verification of public notice was taken with Tom Renz, Dave Scully, Eric Neff, Seana Frint and Jim Frint in attendance.

*Eric made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dave, roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.*

Discuss/approve bids for Industrial Park Road Extension. Three bids were presented from the following:

- Jerome Excavating Contractors for \$4,500
- J.G. Excavating LLC for \$12,000
- Olson Brothers Contractors of Brule for \$7,950

A discussion took place comparing the bids and whether additional work was added to the higher bids causing them to be so different. Jeff Jordheim explained that all the bids were to do the same work.

*Tom made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Jerome Excavating for \$4,500, seconded by Dave. A roll call vote was taken with Seana and Jim abstaining from voting, other members voting yes, motion carried.*

Closed Session: As the governing body for the Town of Barnes, the Town Board will go into a closed session pursuant to the following: Discussion of pay rate for Deputy Clerk position.

- a) Wis. Stat § 19.85(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”
- b) Wis. Stat § 19.85(f) “considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.”

*Eric made a motion to go into closed session at 6:27pm, seconded by Seana. A roll call vote was taken with members voting yes, motion carried.*

*Tom made a motion to hire Kari Hufnagel as Deputy Clerk at a wage of \$22/hr and a minimum of 30 hours/week, seconded by Eric. A roll call vote was taken with members voting yes, motion carried.*

*Tom made a motion to work with the clerk and BES to convert the BES payroll to Paycom and simplify the pay structure with a completion date of Dec. 2024, seconded by Dave. A roll call vote was taken with members voting yes, motion carried.*

*Eric made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dave. A roll call vote was taken with members voting yes, motion carried.*  
Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm