

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes

Tuesday –October 21st, 2025
6:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall
Approved

Call to order the **Monthly Town Board Meeting** at 6:30 pm. 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, seconded by Seana, motion carried
A motion was made by Tom to move agenda item 13 to item 7 and to move item 15 to 8, roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion carried
A motion was made by Eric to approve 9/16/2025 Monthly Board Meeting Minutes to dispense with the reading of those minutes, seconded by Paul, motion passed
minutes, seconded by Seana, motion passed

Public Comment Session: none

Clerk Correspondence:

Chairman Renz told the board about the Bayfield County rezone survey and will be completing it for the town.

Town Garage Committee: Dean Webber

Dean presented the town garage building committee's proposal of re-furbishing the town garage instead of a whole new rebuild. Dean had a rough estimate from Berghammer Builders showing a breakdown of expenses. The estimate gives a total of roughly \$810,000-\$100,000. Progression in the town garage project will require a bidding process with matching specs.

Ais: Chris Webb

Chris asked the Town Chair to appoint Mary Sorenson as a new member of the AIS Committee.

Chairman Tom Renz made an appointment of Mary Sorenson to the AIS Committee

Chris gave some updates on grants for next year. AIS will be looking for volunteers for Robinson, Bony and Breakfast Lake. AIS is looking into ways of raising some money from town residents and property owners around the lakes to help fund some of the expenses for AIS.

Discussion/Action on Bony Lake Channel:

Property owners from both sides of the Bony Channel attended the meeting. They informed the board they are having a difficult time finding out who owns the channel. As of right now the property owners are requesting the Town of Barnes assist them in installing the posts this fall and revisiting the removal in the Spring,

A motion was made by Tom to have the Town of Barnes enter a memorandum of understanding with Diane, Krissanne, and Paul to help install the posts with the Property owners this fall and revisiting the issue of removal in the Spring, seconded by Eric, motion passed

Tom told the board there will be a stop sign posted at the channel when the posts are installed.

Discuss/ Approve 2-year operator licenses for Samara Frelichowski, Hunter Stumpf and Jeffery Stumpf

A motion was made by Paul to approve the 2-year operator licenses for Samara Frelichowski, Hunter Stumpf and Jeffery Stumpf, seconded by Eric, motion passed

Voucher Approval:

A motion was made by Eric to approve September vouchers, seconded by Paul, motion passed

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

TOB Department Head Reports:

Transfer Site- Jeff Stumpf

Two compactors went out last month, 1 open top. The electrical component that runs compactor 1 is still in the process of being rebuilt. Jeff requested from the Board that his sanitation outlay of \$3,000 be moved to the sanitation sinking fund for concrete work in 2026. The board agreed to move the funds.

Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report-Jeff Jordheim

Jeff asked the board for the approval of Cedar Corp assisting in the ARIP grant for Pease Rd. The contract is \$6,000.

A motion was made by Jim to sign the contract with Cedar Corp to assist with the ARIP grant with the cost of \$6,000, roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion passed

Town Board Chairman Tom read the following resolution:

Resolution to Designate South Shore Rd. as a Class B Roadway

The town board of Barnes, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, by this Resolution adopted this 21st day of October 2025 with proper notice with a quorum on a roll call vote of a majority of the town board present and voting resolves and orders as follows:

The town board of the Town of Barnes, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. 349.15 (2), of the Wisconsin Statutes to adopt this ordinance.

This ordinance adopted with proper notice having been given, designates South Shore Rd. a Class B roadway as follows:

- South Shore Rd. will be subject to the weight limits set forth in s. 348.16 (2), Wis. Stats., unless increased by town ordinance or resolution.
- The town chairperson, or his or her designee, shall place appropriate traffic signs on South Shore Rd. on or before the effective date of this ordinance.
- No person may operate any vehicle on South Shore Rd. in violation of the weight limits set for in s. 348.16 (2), Wis. stats. Upon conviction for a violation of this ordinance, the violator shall be found in violation by Town of Barnes Constable or Bayfield County Sheriff's Department and shall be required to pay a forfeiture in accordance with the law, including surcharges, assessments and costs for each violation. Each trip in violation of this ordinance constitutes a separate offense. In addition, the town board may seek injunctive relief from a court of record to enjoin further violations.

This ordinance is effective on November 18th, 2025.

Adopted the 21st day of October 2025.

A motion was made by Tom to adopt resolution R25-03 designating South Shore Rd a class B rd., seconded by Paul, roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion carried

Jeff presented the new fire numbers for the ball field, town garage, town office, town hall, conservation building, salt shed and the transfer site.

A motion was made by Tom to approve the new fire numbers, seconded by Eric, motion passed

Jeff discussed Bayfield County requirements for mailboxes. Any new mailbox installation or any mailbox replacement shall be mounted in compliance with WisDOT "breakaway" sign standards. The box shall be mounted on a wooden 4" x 4" post. On a swing away assembly constructed with no greater than 1.25" diameter steel pipe. All mailboxes must be able to withstand flying snow and slush from traffic and snowplows. They must also be maintained by keeping snow and vegetation from obscuring or covering them to allow operators to see them during operations, both summer and winter. Properly installed, maintained and visible mailboxes that are damaged by contact with

County equipment will be replaced with US Postal Service approved metal mailboxes by Bayfield County. Mailboxes that are too close to the traveled way will not be replaced. Plastic or decorative mailboxes are not suitable for use in our climate and will not be replaced in kind.

Roads and Right of Way: Doug Westerburg-no report

Fire Department – Monthly BES Report – Brock Friermood was absent-Report by Ricky Renz

Calls: 0

Still working on getting EPR FireWorks setup for runs.

Hose testing was completed on September 30th, had 150' of hose fail, working on replacing. Also had the older extension ladder fail.

Had a few members take a cpr/aed class and refresher.

Ambulance Department – Monthly BES Report – Brett Friermood Absent-Report by Tom Renz

It was a slower month with only 6 calls. No responses into Highland.

Jennifer Ziells officially submitted her resignation as part-time.

The county Service Directors continue to meet regarding what the future of EMS looks like in the county. Progress is being made but there is no information to publicly release currently. The next meeting is scheduled for early November.

Trunk or Treat will be held at the BES Building this Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm. Everyone from the community is invited and there is always room for more to hand out treats.

Parks and Rec: Dave Scully

Armor coat has been put down in new garage. Parks and rec will not be meeting till the spring of 2026.

Land Use: Seana

No updates

Review Timeline:

Add the Town garage to the Nov elector meeting. Add Bony Lake to the February meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

*******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.

Submitted by: Kari Hufnagle Clerk-Treasurer, Ph.: 715-795-2782 Email: clerk@townofbarneswi.gov Fax: 715-795-2784