

Special Town Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes

Monday –November 3rd, 2025
7:00pm in the Barnes Town Hall
Approved

Call to order the **Monthly Town Board Meeting** at 7:00pm. Roll call to establish a quorum with Chair Tom Renz, Paul Susienka and Eric Neff in attendance, Seana Frint and Jim Frint absent.

Verification of public notice

A motion was made by Eric to approve the agenda, seconded by Paul, motion carried

Town Garage Committee: Dean Webber

Dean Webber informed the board of a new option for renovation for the town garage. The new option is an extension of adding 2 more bays.

Chairman Renz made note that Jim Frint and Seana Frint arrived at 7:08pm

Chairman Renz asked for a presentation to be ready for the November 18th, 2026 meeting to show the electors.

Resolution R25-04

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town, village, city, and county levies for 2025 and thereafter under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602.

Whereas, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 limits the allowable local levy for 2025 to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of (a) zero percent of the 2024 payable 2025 adjusted actual levy as calculated under the state's levy limit law* or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction less improvements removed, which for the Town of Barnes is .931%

Whereas, the town board of the Town of Barnes, Bayfield County, believes that for the 2025 tax levy (to be collected in 2026) it is in the town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than .931%

Whereas, the Town of Barnes's 2024 payable 2025 adjusted actual tax levy was \$973,951, and further whereas the state law would limit this year's increase to \$983,018, for a total allowable town tax levy after adjustments for 2025 (to be collected in 2026) of \$983,018

THEREFORE, the town board of the Town of Barnes, Bayfield County does hereby resolve, and order as follows:

1. The town board supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2025 that will exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit.
2. The town board directs that the question of increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2025 (to be collected in 2026) by 13.6242%, which would increase the town levy by \$155,053, for a total tax levy (after adjustments) of \$1,138,071 shall be placed on the agenda for the special town meeting to be held on Nov. 18, 2025.

A motion was made by Eric to move forward in presenting the proposal of Resolution R25-04 to the electors, roll call vote taken all voting yes, motion carried

Resolution R25-05

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1. The town board supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2025 that will exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit.
2. The town board directs that the question of increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2025 (to be collected in 2026) by 23.058%, which would increase the town levy by \$294,590, for a total tax levy (after adjustments) of \$1,277,608 shall be placed on the agenda for the special town meeting to be held on Nov. 18, 2025.

A motion was made by Eric to move forward in presenting the proposal of Resolution R25-05 to the electors, roll call vote taken all 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 Employees

- 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."

A motion was made by \Tom to go into closed session at 7:25pm, seconded by Jim, motion carried

A motion was made by Tom to go back into open session, seconded by Seana, motion carried

No motions or decisions were made during closed session

*******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