

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES
Monthly Town Board Meeting
Tuesday March 19, 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, Jim Frint and Eric Neff in attendance. Dave Scully was absent. Clerk Meyer verified notice.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag

Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the 2/20/2024 Monthly Board Meeting, 2/27/2024 and 3/13/24 Special Board Meeting and to dispense with the reading of those minutes by (Seana/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

-Public Comment Session – No comments

-Clerk Correspondence – Clerk Meyer stated that we now have a VPN for the town departments and will try to schedule training for the second week in April. Also, in-person absentee voting is open 3/19-3/29 at the town office between 8am –noon for the April 2nd Presidential Preference, town board and school board election.

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

Treasurer's Report- Treasurer reported that there is a balance of \$896,360.43 in the General checking account. \$726,744.87 in the Savings account, \$7,276.76 Tax account, \$3,471.75 in the Van Paddler account, \$6,569.52 in the PayPal account and \$4,182.15 in the Taste of Barnes account.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by (Eric/Seana). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

TOB Department Head Reports:

A) Highway Department – Monthly Roads Report-Jeff Jordheim

Equipment: Truck 33 on the Wisconsin Online Auction Site

John Deere 2755 Tractor/Mower is on the Wisconsin Online Auction Site

Ford F450 has been delivered and is in service.

Parks: Courts open and P. Ball nets are up

Tomahawk Lake: Boat Ramp concrete has been pushed up under the asphalt from the ice and not having any snow. The asphalt will have to be cut and cold mix put back down.

Buildings: Town hall roof will need some attention this year. What is the boards thinking? Steel or asphalt.

Highway Agenda Items:

1. Approve the purchase of a John Deere mini excavator and tow master trailer to meet the weight requirement of the mini. There will be no dollars needed for this as I will be trading in Cat140H Motor Grader and the Cat 450 E wheeled Back Hoe. Auction prices have been down

dramatically, so my recommendation is to trade the above equipment. There will be dollars left over at Mc Coy as the trade values are worth more than the purchase. I would apply those extra dollars toward the service work that will be upcoming on the 2015 672 motor grader this summer. Jeff stated we would get \$132,000.00 and still be left with a credit on the trade.

A motion to approve the the purchase of a John Deere Mini Excavator and Tow Master Trailer to be purchased from trading the Cat140H Motor Grader and the Cat 450 E wheeled Back Hoe was made by (Eric/Seana). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

2. Approval to auction the 2015 Corn Pro trailer (purchased it 2018 used) on the Wisconsin Auction Site and sell it.

A motion to approve auctioning off the 2015 Corn Pro trailer on the Wisconsin Auction site for no less than \$4,500.00 was made by (Tom/Seana). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

3. Discuss/Approve installation of Industrial Park road to lot #3 – Chairman Renz stated that as a town, leasing land would no longer be something we should be doing with the personal property tax going away for 2024. The company interested in purchasing lot #3 will be an agenda item for the April monthly board meeting.

A motion to approve the installation of Industrial Park road to lot #3 was made by (Tom/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

B) Transfer Site – Monthly Transfer Site Report-Jeff Hong

We had a 40 yard trash compactor go out on the 13th of February @ 10.51 ton.
We also had a 40 yard trash compactor go out on the 28th of February. I won't know the tonnage on this compactor until the next billing cycle.

Also the guys are using and loving the new building, and we have the credit card machine Working in the new building as well.

I will have to have the mattress box picked up as well probably this month.

Last, the open top roll-off that was picked up cost \$1,086.41 to dispose of and we generated \$901 for that open top = a loss of \$185.41os far this year.
Chairman Renz stated that we will need to increase costs for building materials by 22% to cover the loss. The increase will be added to the agenda for the April monthly board meeting.

C) Fire Department – Monthly BES Report – Brock Frierhood

Calls: No calls

New Engine is still being built. I have put the latest pictures on our Facebook page. I have not received an updated timeframe. I do know they are waiting for certifications to be completed.

Completed and submitted the AFG grant.

Working on another grant for a slip-on tanker unit.

All units are ready for wildland season. DNR has been staffing 7 days a week right now.

Fire Dept. Agenda Items:

1. Approval to add Jennifer Peterson to the Fire Dept. Checking account

A motion to approve adding Jennifer Peterson-Treasurer, to the Fire Dept. Checking account was made by (Tom/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

2. Approval to donate used/outdated equipment

A motion to approve donating used equipment was made by (Tom/Seana). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

D) Ambulance Department – Monthly BES Report – Brett Frierhood

There have been 4 calls since the last meeting. One call was into Highland. I would like to give credit to Hallie, Brock, Tom, Sarah, and Sonja for a well-run call overnight Tuesday.

Courtney and Sarah continue to look at grants. A request to be included in invitations to apply has been submitted to Enbridge. Courtney has been spending a lot of time working towards a grant for the Tomahawk trail addition.

I have received a request from a member of another service to cross-credential onto our service. I did not receive it in time to have anything ready for this meeting and will plan on having it on the agenda for next month.

Sonja has begun transitioning into her new role as Assistant Director. We have initially divided some tasks and will keep adjusting as needed.

E) AIS Committee – Chris Webb – Discussion Points

- Recommendation to hire Bill Flood as BAISS diver
- CBCW Training and AIS Plant ID scheduled for Fri 4/26/24
- Sandbar Treatment-Chris Webb mentioned that we did not get approved for a grant for Sandbar but that we should have enough funds to do a treatment between the sinking funds and reimbursed funds from 2023.

F) Parks & Rec – Courtney/Blair

1. Approval of rough draft Community Health & Wellness Grant – a discussion took place as to what the \$5,000.00 grant funds would be used for and the matching \$5,000.00 “in-kind” volunteer time the project would require of the Highway Dept. Clearing and constructing the trail, putting up signage, GPS mapping and creating print maps were all part of the costs.

A motion to approve the rough draft of the Community Health & Wellness Grant was made by (Tom/Eric). Roll call vote taken with all members voting yes, motion carried.

- Review Timeline – add replacing the Town Hall roof to the Timeline for budget discussion in Sept.

A motion was made (Jim/Eric) to adjourn. Voice vote taken, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

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