**TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING March 8, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chairperson Ron Reed, Supervisor Bob Miller, Supervisor Roger Wolter

**STAFF PRESENT** Clerk Ann Schlimgen, Treasurer Dawn Hemker, Town Patrolman Todd Solberg

**CALL TO ORDER -** Chair Ron Reed called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was properly posted.

**MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & VOUCHERS -** Motion by Roger Wolter for a consensus approval of last month’s meeting minutes, treasurer's report and vouchers and seconded by Bob Miller. Motion approved.

**Paul Degenhardt –** President of the West Salem Fire District came to explain more about the fire districts budget. The fire district is requesting $60,000 annually from the fire district to create a sinking fund. The Town of Barre’s share would be $9,000 per year starting in 2023. Bob Miller made a motion to give the fire district an extra $9,000 each year. Roger seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Centurytel Permit** – sent a request for “consent to and permit for construction, operation and maintenance of telephone lines on or along township roads and Highways”. Roger made a motion to sign consent and Bob seconded the motion. Motion approved. Ron signed consent.

**Charter Broadband grant application –** Charter is applying for a grant that will serve 490 underserved people 21 of which are in the Town of Barre. They would like Barre to send a letter in support of this grant. Roger made a motion that the Town of Barre signs letter of support, Bob seconded. Motion approved. Ron signed letter.

**Road Report –** Todd put up the weight road bans today. The county put their road bans up yesterday.

**CITIZEN/PARK CONCERNS** – Park will open beginning of May. There will not be a Barre shuffle this year. There was talk of a fence needed around the parking lot. Terry Loging will put together a design and get back to the board.

**BOARD CONCERNS –** Election is April 5th. Absentee ballots can not be put in the drop box. We will put a sign up for this. Annual meeting is set for April 19th at 7:00 PM. Ann is working on a handbook. She will get a draft to the board. We will have a meeting on March 22nd at 7:00 to go over handbook and make any changes needed. We also talked about what is needed to make the Treasures job available to those outside the Town of Barre. Possibly an ordinance needs to be done, and then a possible referendum. This would be to replace Dawn who has stepped in temporarily.

Roger stated that after 25 years he will be stepping down as Supervisor effective March 31,2022. (Thank you, Roger for all you have done for the Town of Barre during this time).

Bob Miller motioned to adjourn meeting; Roger seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Schlimgen Clerk – Town of Barre