

## **TOWN OF BARRE BOARD MEETING April 14, 2026**

**Board Present** Don Fruit, Chair; John McGowan and Bob Miller Supervisor

**STAFF PRESENT** Clerk Kristin Radde, Treasurer Meri McKinney

**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Don Fruit called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted on the website and at the Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Bob for a consensus approval of last month's meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and vouchers, seconded by Don; minutes, treasurer's reports, and vouchers approved.

West Salem Fire Department members joined the meeting to present information on a proposal for a new fire truck. Fire Chief Greg Hudson presented. Greg mentions the truck will be 25years old by the time they are able to get a new one. (Current truck is a 2004. Build time for a new truck is 28-32 months). The equipment they need no longer fits in the truck. Barre's portion would be \$128,658.35 based on current rates due 10 days prior to the delivery of completed truck. Don suggests bringing this to the Annual Meeting on 4/21 to get approval from the Electors of the Town.

Trevor Jones is requesting a driveway permit for Twin Creeks Rd Parcel 02-00661-000. As this is on a high point on the road, John suggests approving the permit without needing a culvert. If there are problems in the future it is the landowner's responsibility to repair. The driveway should also be pitched to allow any water to drain off the road. John makes a motion to approve the driveway waving the culvert based on these conditions. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Austin Jones is requesting a driveway permit for Fox Run Road Parcel 02-00335-01. John makes a motion to approve the driveway permit as presented. A culvert is not required where it transitions from Town to Private Driveway. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Juston Kahl and Alden Erickson are requesting a driveway permit on Twin Creeks Rd Parcel 02-00653-000. County permit is not required based on location per the County. Standard 18-inch culvert will be used at the location. John makes a motion to approve. Bob Seconds. Motion passed.

Brandon Freitag is requesting a driveway permit for W4551 Drectrah Road. He is entering an easement with the adjoining property. The current driveway would be removed once the new driveway is completed. If the road is rebuilt in the future and a ditch is defined, the landowner would be responsible for the cost of the culvert. John makes a motion to approve with 18-inch culvert and attempt to have a flat 20 ft section. Bob seconds. Motion carries.

Joe Jakusz is requesting a driveway permit for W4313 W Miller Road. This would be an addition to the shared driveway with adjoining property. Current driveway meets standards where it meets the town road. John makes a motion to approve. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Fred Hilby/Paul Schams are requesting rezoning request for parcel 02-000358-01 on Fox Hollow Drive. John makes a motion to turn this over to the Planning Commission. Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Don reviewed the policy for Remote Meeting Procedure. The board will look over the policy and bring it up for approval after the Annual Meeting next week. Kristin will send out to those who want to review the policy.

Road bans were up on 2/26/26 and removed 3/30/26 following county guidelines.

Don provides an update on vacating Bostwick Valley Road. Don contacted the Mobile Home Park with information on the road. The park suggested the Town continue to plow the road. Don replied that it was not an option due to cars parked too close to the road.

Don provided an update on the grant process. He met with Jewell associates to look at a culvert that qualifies for a grant on Russlan Coulee. Scott is preparing the grant application for this and another grant for ARIP for Russlan Coulee.

The town was awarded a grant for W Miller Road, however only 19% of the \$515,000 project is covered.

The remaining residents will be sent an invoice for uncollected Garbage and recycling bins due to the town, unless they return the carts to Hilltopper or the Town Hall.

Park – Dumpster will be delivered once the lock is set and the park is ready to be cleaned and open on 4/24/26

OA salvage site – The county has been working with the resident. They gave him 60 days to clean it up or can be fined \$100/day.

The annual Town meeting will be held on April 21, 2026 at 7:00pm.

John makes a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Radde Clerk – Town of Barre