

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
UNAPPROVED MINUTES FOR
WEDNESDAYUGUST 20, 2014**

**Meeting was called to by Chairman Robert Rasmussen at 7:30 p.m.
Supervisor present Jim Krueger and Bob Dolezal Clerk Toni White and
Treasurer Arlene Skultety
Audience of 35**

**Minutes were read from previous meeting motion to approve minutes as read by
Jim Krueger second by Bob Dolezal. Motion Carried.**

Financial report was read and filed for future audit.

Library Report:

**Chairman Robert Rasmussen read report. If you would like a copy
see your clerk.**

Update on Cell Tower:

**Chairman received information on dates for completion ground work
work on August 26, 2014, tower will arrive on October 13, 2014, Complete tower
on October 17, 2014 and Operating by November 1, 2014. That is their time table
for cell tower..**

Update on Road Construction:

**Town has sign contracts with Northwoods Paving for paving roads Garden
Lake Road, Boat Landing, Lake Ave and north and South of the Village. Also
Juneks Point to Birch Point Road which is 4 Seasons Road. Total contracts for this
Project \$126,000.00. Applied for \$50,000 grant received \$25,395.00. Discussion on
floor.**

**Update on Cable Union Airport - Bill Devries (secretary for Cable Union Airport)
For a long time we have been unable to grow the airport – no hangar space. Allan
Ralph wrote a nice article about the airport. There will be an airport fly INS. Last
two years the fly in was rained out. Fly in is set for September 6. Hangar
development is \$ 863,000 project. 95% grant. Towns paid 7 hangar sites – 3 sites
leased and one more is set to be leased. This is part of the 25 year plan that was
created about 4-5 years ago. Cost besides hangars – release the gun club – gun club
will have to buy the land. Other things: reflectors and safety equipment. Telemark
Road is a big legal situation – easements on the road – and there is a legal process to
clear it up. Cable will maintain the road. 17,000 – to keep runway open through
winter season – normally budget 5,000 – Town of Namakagon and Town of Cable
came in for about a week to clear the airport. The town and county have been
helping and the airport is requesting 7500.00 from the towns to support the airport.**

6,000 – for the airport in the budget – it’s a break even for the airport. Profit on gasoline. Why would we not want to charge fees? Airport is not up to standards – maybe get 350 - 400 planes per year. This is a federally owned airport and we cannot charge for airplanes landing overnight.

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Not planning on budgeting for road project for next year – 20.5%. The tax increase was for one year. 20% increase in taxes – our mill rate is the lowest Read by Jim Krueger, 5,000 tax bill – (546.00 went to town) Example of the bill County raised theirs \$154.00 (this is 2% for the county) Can town make levy for any amount? When the state levy comes in this year at the budget meeting the town can make a levy to balance the budget. Russ Pagen – thank you for making August a short budget meeting. Robert Rasmussen– levy 298,000 next year the levy will be 248,000 (the state approves a 2-3 percent) Most towns ask for 6%. Equipment / Repair Replacement – are their duplicate expenses? Fire Department money and road repair money is separate. Great Divide Ambulance Service – they put their budget together and by residence they break up their budget and towns pay by parcel.

Cable Area Fall Fest Donation. Cable Area Fall Fest Sept 26 and 27. This event brought in 7000 people and occupancy rate was 98%.

Sponsorship levels – to ensure business is available – get in paperwork by July 11th. Motion made by Bob Dolezal to make a donation of \$275.00 seconded by Jim. Motion carried.

Correspondence –

Clean Sweep Collection – Drummond Town Garage 3:00 – 4:30 Thursday, August 28, 2014 Every 4 years the DNR requires us to have the Dam inspected and a report was received that the Dam is in excellent site.

There are some trees over an inch in diameter that needs to be cut.

Quotes from Farmer Asphalt Sealing that need to be brought up to date, but we don’t have the 23,000 to pay for the bill. Emergency Meeting 2125

Namakagon Dump Road (*check address for cell tower*) Airport Operations and Land Use Seminar Preliminary
Estimate for Town of Namakagon – 246 Motor vehicle 237 (someone will buy 5 vehicles) 140 people that filed income tax (next year 121 will file) Income tax returns 86 and will go down to 75

Ted Green: Pricing of Transfer Site – would like to add - \$10.00 and up. Motion made by Bob and seconded by Jim to approve the increase in the dump fees.

Sandy Scoville – can't someone get our road crew that we pay a salary to, to come out and do it? There are dead animals and trees close to the road and these need to get moved.

Robert Rasmussen - No set deadline for when the sculpture for the front of the town hall is to be set.

Jeanne Baxter – Construction was to begin July 1. July 1 the road was to be built. Then a soil test was done to check for foundation. How are you doing with your contacts for AT&T and Verizon. AT&T is not interested Russ Pagen - Birkie puts up towers for cell service during the race. Why can't they put up portable towers to see if they will work and where?

Robert Rasmussen - Chequamegon paid for the road into the cell tower site. Robert Rasmussen - Norvado has a plan to purchase two Cows (portable cell towers) to see where they should put additional towers.

13. Set date for next meeting: September 9, 2014

14. Adjourn

