

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
APPROVED MINUTES FOR ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2017 AT 6.30 P.M.
HELD AT THE NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL**

The Oath of office was Sworn and signed by the following officers, prior to the start of the the annual meeting. Oath was given by Antonia White.

Robert Rasmussen; Chairman

Jim Krueger and Jack McGregor: Supervisors

Jeffery M. Raether; Clerk

Arlene Skultety; Treasurer

1. Meeting was called to order by Robert Rasmussen. Supervisors present were Jim Krueger and Jack McGregor. Jeff Raether; Clerk and Arlene Skultety; Treasurer, were present, along with an audience of 21.

Meeting opened with the pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was taken in honor of all the past area residents, who passed away during the past year.

2. Jeff Raether read the minutes from the last annual meeting held on May 10, 2016, with minor corrections. Motion made to approve by JoAnn Schultz and seconded by Kathy Sill. Motion was carried.

3. Arlene Skultety read the annual financial report. Motion was made by John Sill and seconded by Sandy Scoville to accept the financial report as read. Motion was carried.

4. Discussion of using the Local Government Investment Pool. Money can be borrowed at 2.5 %, in order to operate the Town of Namakagon. \$350,000 was used in the last year for road paving and to purchase a new town truck. Motion was made by Ted Green, to use the local government invest pool to borrow money for the town, if needed. Seconded by Carol McGregor. Motion was carried.

5. Motion made for Board to be able to use any FDIC bank for Town funds was made by Patty Raether and seconded by Kathy Sill. Motion carried. The Town currently uses Chippewa Valley Bank.

6- Ambulance Report was presented by Rob Puls. Rob mentioned the department is always looking for new employees. Pay is very good with minimal training time required for an EMT. The department has increased service to additional local areas and is perusing added business to help defer the rising costs and vehicle maintenance utilized by the service. Rob is proud of the fact that the service has come a long way over the years.

7. Fire department report presented by Henry Rieckhoff. Henry also mentioned the department is always looking for new recruits. Henry reiterated that there is still concern about the lock boxes on several properties. A box could be used and only the fire department would have the key. Another concern is the width of driveways and people keeping the address signs clear of debris and visible from the road. Henry asked for the town board's help in obtaining better cell tower service for our area to help protect our residents. The department has responded to 20 calls since the last meeting. A hard copy of the detailed report is available in the Town Clerk's office. If you are interested please contact Jeff Raether.

8. Cell Tower Report. Bob Rasmussen reported that T-Mobile has signed onto to the cell tower and the Town will receive funds (25% of the revenue generated) from Norvado Cell. Those funds are in addition to the revenue we received from Norvado.

9. Airport Commission Report was given by Bill DeVries. Fly in Hamburger Tuesdays was offered. 8-15 planes average attended the annual Fly-In.

10. Comprehensive Planning Commission Report was given by Jim Krueger. His report indicated that there were 11 zoning requests during the year. The committee meets monthly on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 9am at the Town hall. Committee is continuing the ongoing work of updating the comprehensive Town plan. Jim wanted to thank Mary D'Andrea for all her tireless work on updating all computer files during the long and tedious process.

11. Law enforcement report was given by Sergeant Andy Runice, from the Bayfield county sheriff's office. His phone number is 715-373-6300. Our former town constable Lloyd Fannin has officially retired and the Board would like to thank Lloyd for his 23 years of service to the town since Nov, 1994. The town constable position has been eliminated and Kevin Johnson was sworn in to serve in Lloyd's place. Kevin has assumed most of Lloyd's responsibilities and will serve as the Town Enforcement officer. Kevin's cell number is 715-580-0277 and home phone is 715-763-3273. Kevin gave a report on his activities since being hired August of 2016.

12. Report on Town Roads was given by Bob Rasmussen. Dam road and Garden lake road were black topped during the last year. Spring road inspection is up coming soon.

13. Lake Association Report was given by Jim Krueger. Milfoil problem seems to have been stopped for now but will be watched closely. Landing supervisors will continue for this year.

14. Forest Lodge Library Report was given by Library Director Kristine Lendved. Kristine mentioned the library had 1014 registered borrowers and recorded 18,322 physical check outs of books, DVDs, audio books and magazines.

The big news of the year was the purchase of the adjacent Aldrich property, paid for with reserve library funds and currently titles to the towns of Cable and Namakagon.

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Bob R mentioned Road side clean up will be this Sat. April 22, 2017. Fish boil at Town hall to follow.

15. Public Comment. None offered.

16. Mike Martin from the U.S. Forest service provided an update on ongoing flood damage from last July 11, 2016 flood. FR #204 had 112 dump trucks that went into just one washout. Bob R mentioned that the Chequamegon National forest service continues to be very generous to the town. The board expressed their gratitude. Timber sales go towards the town as well.

17. Ratify all actions taken by Town Board from 4/19/2016 to 4/18/2017. Motion made by JoAnn Schultz and seconded by Mary D' Andrea. Motion carried.

18. Set date for next Annual Meeting: Tuesday April 17, 2018. Motion by Kathy Sill and seconded by Phil Rasmussen. Motion carried.

19. Motion to adjourn was made by John Sill and seconded by Kathy Sill. Motion carried.

**Jeffery M. Raether
(Town Clerk)**