

# NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

**Town of Namakagon  
County of Bayfield  
State of Wisconsin**

**November 6, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Town of Namakagon, County of Bayfield, on November 6, 2018, the following proposed Town Board Ordinance No. 47 will be submitted to a vote of the people:

## **Town of Namakagon Ordinance No. 47 Ordinance to Appoint the Town Clerk**

Town of Namakagon,  
County of Bayfield,  
State of Wisconsin

The Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, County of Bayfield, State of Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

That, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 60.30(1e)(a), the office of the town clerk shall be filled by appointment of a majority of the members-elect of the town board.

The term of office for the appointed position shall be set by the town board, but may not exceed 3 years per 60.30(1e)(c). The town board may re-appoint the officer for additional terms. However removal by the town board during a given term of office may only be for "cause" as defined under 17.001 and required by Chapter 60.30(1e)(f).

The ordinance is subject to approval by the town electors in a referendum, which is hereby called by the Town Board to be held on November 6, 2018. The referendum question shall be:

"Shall the person holding the office of town clerk in the Town of Namakagon be appointed by the town board?"

The salary of the appointed position shall be set by the town board and may not be reduced during the term of office.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by 60.30(1e)(b).

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0      Abstain: 0      Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018

### **The question will appear on the ballot as follows:**

"Shall the person holding the position of clerk in the Town of Namakagon be appointed by the Town Board?"

**Explanation:**

On April 17, 2018, the Town Board adopted Ordinance No. 47, which would convert the elected office of a town clerk into an office appointed by the Town Board.

An elected clerk does not have to meet any minimal qualifications. An elected clerk must be a qualified elector of the town and, if elected serves a two-year term. The compensation of the elected clerk is set by the electors unless they have delegated this responsibility to the town board at an annual meeting or special town meeting.

The Town Board passed the ordinance because the supervisors recognize that the clerk position has become more complex and requires a candidate who will continue to serve in the position and offer qualifications and experience that are necessary to meet the responsibilities of the position. If the clerk position becomes an appointed position, the clerk will report directly to the town board. The town board will establish the clerk's job description, set the clerk's hours, determine the clerk's compensation, and the term of office, which may not exceed three years. Town board may appoint the clerk for additional terms.

**The effect of a YES vote:** The Town Board will appoint the town clerk for a term not to exceed three years. The appointed position will start when the current term of office for the incumbent town clerk expires in April of 2019. The town board may appoint the town clerk for additional terms.

**The effect of a NO vote:** The clerk will continue as an elected position, to be elected at the spring election in odd numbered years. The clerk shall be elected by a majority vote of the electors at each election.

Done in the Town of Namakagon, County of Bayfield, State of Wisconsin  
On April 17, 2018

Jeffery M. Raether  
Town of Namakagon Clerk

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