

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**For - TOWN BOARD MEETING –Aug 21, 2018**

**At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL –7:30 pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Robert Rasmussen. Supervisors present were Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger. Treasurer; Arlene Skultety, Town Clerk- Jeffery Raether, along with 21 members of the public that were also present.  
The Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from previous July 10, 2018 meeting were read by Clerk Jeff Raether and Jack McGregor made a motion to approve as corrected and was 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Krueger. This Motion Carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Checks approved and signed July 11, 2018 - #2282 to Aug 21, 2018- #2344, per future audit. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Referendum question, Changing Clerk position to appointed was reviewed again. This question will be reviewed monthly to be certain Town Residents understand why the Town board is asking the electorate to approve on Referendum on Nov 6, 2018 ballot. Question and answering session was held. Resident asked that the official question on the ballot be read. The clerk read the question and explanation verbatim, as it will be shown on the ballot on Nov 6, 2018

Comprehensive planning report was given by Jim Krueger. The committee is working on the narrative of the plan.

Mike D'Andrea gave a professional review of the Lake Namakagon Walleye project. Funding for Stocking was requested of the Town residents and the Town board. Jack McGregor made a motion to earmark \$5,000 out of the Room tax funds to go toward the Walleye incentive to be used in 2018 and going forward, as well. Bob Rasmussen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. Residents are encouraged to donate as well. Jim Krueger made a motion to allow signs to be posted at town landings requesting voluntary reduction of the Walleye take as well as encouraging catch and release. Jack McGregor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Presentation by Ek Country ATV club for their approval on proposed new routes involving hwy M. East Clam Lake for use of ATV/ UTV on various Roads. The ATV requested club asked the Town for their support in the form of a letter of recommendation to the Bayfield County from East lake five road to old grade road and White bass road to County highway M. Also last section of old grade road from forest road 343 to Hwy M.

Jim Krueger made a motion for the board to send Bayfield County, a letter of support to Bayfield County, in order to open County Road M between Old Grade Road(FR191) and East Lake Five Road as a ATV/UTV Route. This would allow local access to existing area ATV/UTV Routes and trails. The Town would then support opening old grade to highway M, and Lake 5 road, if the County agrees to open highway M. Jack McGregor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Jim Krueger made a motion to open Crystal Landing Road & FR 1730 for ATV / UTV use. Jack McGregor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.**

**Jim Krueger made a motion to open the route to Hank's Landing (25200 S. Garden Ave.) from Old Grade rd. (fr191) going South on Namakagon Sunset to S Garden Ave. to Hanks Landing. Jack McGregor 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Motion carried. The motion is contingent on the petition submitted at the meeting having signed approval of 2/3 of the land owners along the route, during a one year probationary period. Jack. Speed limits in our Town ordinance will apply. This motion also only applies to ATV and UTV's, Not Snowmobiles. The board will review the petition to determine if enough signatures have been obtained. The route will remain closed until that determination has been made. Letters were read at the meeting that both supported and opposed opening the route. The Clerk will secure the signed petition.**

**Jack McGregor made a motion to repeal and recreate Fireworks Ordinance # 27, application and permit. Jim Krueger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.**

**Chip sealing bid for White Bass Lake Road was opened from Scott construction. Bid submitted for 1.2 miles is \$20, 024.00 and bid for 1.97 miles is \$32,773.00  
Jack McGregor made a motion to accept the proposal from Scott Construction contingent upon how much the budget will allow. Jim Krueger 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.**

**Road construction update included the timing of Chicago Ave. milling & paving to be expected after Labor day.  
Northwoods paving is authorized to patch Viking bay drive.**

**Reviewed Correspondence:**

**Robert Rasmussen read the library report.**

**Thank you note received from Camba.**

**Bayfield County requested financial support for Superior days. Decision is tabled.**

**Public Comment:**

**A resident requested change to short term rental ordinance #41. His concern was that dumpsters that are kept at the end of driveways and cause an eyesore. Could these be kept in a enclosures instead? Board will contact the rental agency to address.**

**Comment was offered at over current cell tower height is preventing adequate cell service. It was noted that the Park Service is the one who prevented the Tower being tall enough to be attracted to companies like Verizon. A commitment from a service provider would help fight the Park service. Board will see it they can put a spark in one of those providers to help.**

**Date was set for the next Board meeting – Sept 11, 2018.**

**Meeting was Adjourned @ 9:45 and Jack McGregor made a motion to go into Closed Session at 9:50 pm pursuant to S.19.85(1)(c) of the WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Kruger. Motion carried.**

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

