

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
AGENDA
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – January 8, 2019
At – NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Michael D'Andrea, Deputy Clerk Laura Bjork and 14 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Deputy Clerk Laura Bjork. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #2543 through #2619. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Mary D'Andrea reported that the commission continues to work on updating the Comprehensive Plan. The next meeting will be held on February 6th.

APPOINTMENT OF JANIS PRIBYL TO THE FOREST LODGE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Chairman Rasmussen appointed Janis Pribyl to the Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees for three years.

APPROVAL OF LEASE BETWEEN CABLE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, FOREST LODGE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TOWN OF CABLE AND TOWN OF NAMAKAGON – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the lease. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF KARL KASTROSKY TO BE THE AGENT OF RECORD FOR THE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to appoint Karl Kastrosky to be the agent of record for the library construction project. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NAMAKAGON AND THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE, CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the US Forest Service was going to give \$75,000 to help with the road project if the Class B restriction was taken off, but a letter was received from the Bayfield County Highway Commissioner stating that program guidelines prohibit federal funding sources from being incorporated with LRIP funding on an LRIP project. Chairman Rasmussen stated that he will work on this and hopefully be able to receive both funds for the project.

DISCUSSION ON BROADBAND GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM – Chairman Rasmussen stated that there is grant monies available for broadband. It might be possible to get money to increase the height of the tower for better cell phone service. Jim Duffy is working with the Park Service and is still working. The tower is made to go 400'. It would make sense to increase the height of the existing tower and not build a new one. Chairman Rasmussen stated he will continue to look into for more information. The scenic waterway stopped the height of the tower, because of nostalgia of the river. (Parks Service) Jeff- it is a state program – they said Bayfield county is the leading and probably not available and does not pertain to cell service – at last WTA meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIQUOR LICENSE FEES – Chairman Rasmussen spoke with WTA who stated that a town can charge up to \$400 for liquor licenses. The Town of Cable charges \$400 and Hayward charges \$400. The Town Board discussed and decided to look into more townships for comparison information, such as Drummond and Grand View. This will be on the next town board agenda.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LETTERS FROM MISSIONARY POINT RESIDENTS RE: UTV USE – Chairman Rasmussen stated that no action has been done with the original request. It was noted that the people who put in the original request would be out of town until spring. Many letters have come in to the town on this matter. Only two letters were in favor, but they were not residents in that section. All others were opposed to opening that section. Jim Krueger noted that the original request was made so the property owners wanted to get to the landing by ATV. They currently use their golf cart. There was discussion on the roads that were not open within the Town of Namakagon; Juneks Point, Bay Drive, all the dead end roads, Garden Lake Road and parts of Namakagon Sunset Road. Don Mrotek stated that when all roads are opened in townships through ordinance, the town no longer need to post access on all roads. They can choose to post a few signs on the entrance roads to the township stating that all roads are open. This is being allowed through an Access Ordinance. Where there are primary routes, the town can still sign them for directions to certain areas. It is not legal to open roads for local residents only. Jack McGregor stated that a sign could be posted for ATVs on Missionary Point indicating a “dead end”. There was discussion on the rules with ATVs. ATVs can be driven by a person age 12, if they have a safety certificate from the DNR, on a trail system, but for a route (road) they need to be accompanied by an adult (18 yrs old). To ride side by side, drivers need to be 16 yrs old with a safety certificate. Ruth Lull stated that it may not be the wisest decision to discuss this when most people are gone for the winter. She mentioned the danger of ATVs with younger children around. Don Mrotek stated that this is a sport that is gaining popularity. Roads are being opened all over the place. A lot of areas cannot access certain establishments. Mike Jenkins mentioned that the requesters were trying to go down to the cove to pull their dock out. It was mentioned that it is legal to use a utility trailer, so there is an alternative. Laura Bjork stated that the Town of Cable opened all roads contingent upon a year review. After a year review, no one was complaining any longer because their concerns were not being infringed upon. Most areas do not have issues when opening all roads. It was noted that if there is no speed limit sign for ATVs, the speed limit is the same as the roads. The Town of Namakagon Ordinance states that all ATVs must follow the speed

limits on the roads. The Town Board chose to take no action at this time. All correspondences are filed in the records.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ruth Lull requested to be put on the email town list for updates. She commented on the wonderful website! Cookie Skultety stated that the new truck is working well; the plowing is much wider and better! Mary D’Andrea read the Library Report.

SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING – February 12, 2019 @ 7:30pm.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to go into Closed Session at 8:49pm 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. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger at 9:38pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded Supervisor McGregor by and carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Deputy Clerk