

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
MINUTES
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – Dec 11, 2018
At – NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm

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 8 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Rasmussen thanked Jeff Raether as clerk and welcomed Mike D’Andrea as Clerk and Laura Bjork as Deputy Clerk.

Minutes from previous meeting were read by Deputy Clerk Laura Bjork. Treasurer Skultety corrected attendance; she was present throughout the meeting. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with corrections. MOTION seconded by Chairman Rasmussen and carried. Chairman Rasmussen explained that there have been several closed sessions within the last month due to clerk changes and employee evaluations.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #2496 through #2542. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Mary D’Andrea reported that there were no new issues reviewed, but the commission continues writing a narrative of the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Rasmussen noted that Bayfield County approved the rezone of 36 parcels of municipal owned land to municipal zoning.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEVELOPING A TOWN EMERGENCY SERVICES PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF NAMAKAGON – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Comprehensive Planning Committee will work on this plan.

RESOLUTION: 4-2018 SIGNERS ON CHECKS – Corrections were made to the proposed Resolution. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve RESOLUTION: 4-2018 Signers on Checks with the changes that were made. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

RESOLUTION: 5-2018 AMENDING THE 2018 BUDGET – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve Resolution: 5-2018 Amending the 2018 Budget. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CEMETERY PLOTS AT THE TOWN OF CABLE CEMTERY – Jim Kinzie called and informed the board that the Town of Namakagon owns plot 245, which consists of 6 graves. The Town Board considered if

they should keep the lots. The agenda item was tabled to the next meeting for more information.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2019 ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Town of Namakagon has been awarded TRIP money for Namakagon Sunset Road. The US Forest Service offered a grant of \$75,000 if the town would lift the Class B restrictions off the road. This would increase the town's cost to repair the road, but the quality of the repair would be better. The US Forest Service is willing to provide culverts for the project. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to negotiate with the US Forest Service to remove the Class B designation on Namakagon Sunset Road with them sharing the additional cost. The removal of the Class B designation will happen after the construction is over. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LETTER FROM MISSIONARY POINT RESIDENT RE: UTV USE – Chairman Rasmussen explained that a request from David and Denise Selken to open the circle on Missionary Point to UTVs for the specific use of homeowners. Chairman Rasmussen noted that the town cannot choose who can use an ATV route if opened. There was discussion on which roads were opened and which were closed. If you are local and want to get to the route you need a trailer to get to a route. There have been less problems long term for those towns that have opened all their roads. The town board has not turned down a request if the people come to the board and get 2/3rd approval from the residents on the route. The agenda item was tabled for next month to consider opening all town roads for ATV/UTV use in the Town of Namakagon.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – The Town Board considered membership to the Cable Natural History Museum. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to continue the membership of \$250 to the Cable Natural History Museum. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Mary D'Andrea read the Library Report. The Library Report is available to the public upon request to the Deputy Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jeff Raether officially requested that the town send a report on room tax monthly with amount due and no names to the Chamber of Commerce.

SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING – January 8, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Deputy Clerk