

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – February 18, 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 12 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #2620 through #2687. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer. The Town Board agreed to file delinquent property tax payments and room tax payments with Small Claims Court.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Mary D’Andrea reported that the commission is working on the Land Use Section of the plan. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to donate \$500 to the Chamber of Commerce for the Writer’s Tour. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

ELK COUNTY ATV CLUB RE: OPENING TOWN ROADS TO ATV’S – Rick Guthman from the Elk Country ATV Club requested opening a portion of the western part of White Bass Lake Road from County Hwy M to Buffalo Lake Road. There were 3 property owners on that portion of road in attendance that were against opening the road. Rick Guthman asked if the portion of road could be opened on a one year trial basis. Chairman Rasmussen stated that the town has always referred to the policy that a road would only be opened if there was support from two-thirds of the residents. Chairman Rasmussen requested a petition be submitted to the board either in favor or against the opening of the portion of the road. This was tabled for a petition.

DISCUSS AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR CHANGES TO ORDINANCE #32
ATV/UTV ROUTES – Supervisor Krueger presented changes to the ordinance. Corrections were made. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to adapt the changes to Ordinance #32 with the corrections. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger 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 explained that program

guidelines prohibit federal funding sources from being incorporated with LRIP funding on an LRIP project. He stated that the Namakagon Sunset project will be done with state funding. These bids will be opened at the April Town Board meeting. When that project is completed, another project will be done with the Forest Service. This will allow for both funding sources.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIQUOR LICENSE FEES – Chairman Rasmussen stated that State Statute allows the towns to charge up to \$400 for a Class B Liquor License. The Town of Namakagon is currently charging \$200. The Town of Cable and Hayward charge \$400. Drummond charges \$150 and Grand View charges \$300. It was noted that publication requirements are once in a weekly paper or 3 times in a daily paper. There was discussion on publishing the notices in the weekly Sawyer County Record. The Town Board agreed to request any notifications of disturbances from the Sheriff before renewals of licenses. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to increase the fee for a Class B liquor license to \$300 effective July 1, 2019. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the issuance of a Class B Liquor and Beer License to Back of House, LLC for the licensing period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, contingent upon the surrender of Pla-Mor's license. It was noted that the publication requirements were met. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to appoint Sara Eckert as the agent for Back of House, LLC. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the issuance of a Cigarette License to Back of House, LLC for the licensing period July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Motion made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the issuance of Operator's License #1130 thru #1131 for the licensing period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, contingent upon payment. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – There was an inquiry on plowed roads. There was an inquiry on dogs running loose. Chairman Rasmussen stated that he will be working on putting advertising ads in Bayfield, Cable and Hayward.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Elizabeth Ick acknowledged the town crew for great road service! There was discussion on plowing and contracts with other townships. It was noted that if a town plows outside of its jurisdiction there is an insurance liability issue. Kevin Johnson informed the board of a vehicle accident. The vehicle was moved to town property rather than towed. The Town Board agreed that the vehicle will need to be removed within the month. Mary D'Andrea presented the library report.

SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING – March 5, 2019 @ 7:30pm.

The Town Board meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Deputy Clerk