

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON  
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – June 11, 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 Laura Bjork and 14 others.

Agenda was posted in 3 places in town on June 6<sup>th</sup> and notice was submitted to Ashland Daily Press. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the previous meeting and June 14<sup>th</sup> were presented. 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 #2808 through #2854. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Jim Krueger reported the Plan Commission discussed the request from Bayfield County Zoning for the recommendation on a variance. The variance did not meet the Comprehensive Plan because of the setback and the violation within the County Ordinance that there currently exists more than 200 sq. ft. of structures within the setback area. The updates in the Comp. Plan were finalized at this meeting.

LIBRARY REPORT – The library report was read and will be posted on the website.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NLA WALLEYE PROJECT – Mary D’Andrea presented a poster for Anglers on Lake Namakagon to catch and release Walleyes or reduce take home quantities of Walleyes from 3 to 2. She requested that the poster be posted at the board landings. The Town Board agreed to allow postings at the landings.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to suspend the agenda to #15. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to support the Walleye Incentive Program, consisting of a Walleye Tournament and Banquet Dinners, from Room Tax Funds not to exceed \$1,300. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS B PERMIT FOR JAMES FOGARTY FOR PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A GAZEBO LOCATED AT 24915 GARDEN

LAKE ROAD, TOWN OF NAMAKAGON – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the county sent this request too late for the previous Town Board meeting and since then they have already addressed the request. The Plan Commission did not approve the request because it did not meet the plan. The county denied the request on a vote of 3 to 2. James Fogarty stated the structure is over a well pit. There were some issues with the well pit, and he was advised to enclose the deck. He then constructed a gazebo over the pit due to the recommendation and safety concerns. The well pit cannot be moved. The water flow is opposite the lake. There was already a structure there; it is nothing new, hence he did not consider a permit. He questioned the intent of the county for not getting the request to the town in a timely manner. Mike Furtak testified at the county meeting that the gazebo had no effect on the lake. He is pursuing the issue through the court system. Chairman Rasmussen stated that a letter is being sent to the county of the disappointment of not receiving notices in a timely manner. The town's recommendations to Bayfield County are only advisory, and the request was received after the fact and has already been acted upon, so the town will not respond.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PETITION TO KEEP WHITE BASS ROAD CLOSED TO ATVS – The Town Board set an ATV policy that a road will be opened to ATV's only if a petition is presented to the board with 2/3rds support from the landowners on that road. The petition presented had 11 opposed and 6 in favor. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to keep the road closed to ATV traffic because of the lack of 2/3rds support to open the road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. In Favor – 2. Opposed – 1. MOTION is carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPENING BIDS FOR NAMAKAGON SUNSET PROJECT, PART 2 – Chairman Rasmussen recapped the project details: 1<sup>st</sup> part is for 1.72 miles by 20' wide at a cost of \$192,342.80, which will be covered in part (50/50) with State funding. The 2<sup>nd</sup> part is 1 ½" added blacktop, which will be paid in part (\$75,000) by the US Forest Service. The US Forest Service will be donating culverts and 3,500 yards of gravel to help with the project. The Class B restrictions can then be removed. One bid came in from Northwoods Paving for \$123,470.66. The Town Board originally projected \$100,000 during budget for this total expense. That would leave an additional \$50,000 of expenditures. A consideration for next year is to do Garmisch Road with 50/50 TRIPP money. There are also additional highway expenditures this year with Dam Road. The Town Board tabled the item to the next meeting for the board to contemplate how to work the expenditures into the budget.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REPLACE TOWN HALL ROOF AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – Chairman Rasmussen stated that there have been issues with the roof, and the Town Board is wanting to seek bids for next year, so that it can be considered during budget. This would include repairing fascia and soffits. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to proceed with proposals for replacement/repairs of the Namakagon Town Hall Roof. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CEMETERY PLOTS IN THE TOWN OF CABLE CEMETERY – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Town of Namakagon owns 2 lots at the Cable Cemetery. It is against Cemetery rules to allow people to sell their unused lots. All unused lots should go back to the town. The Town of Cable suggested support for the cemetery as it is known as the Town of Namakagon Cemetery as well. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to donate the lots back to the Town of Cable at no cost. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMAILS FOR THE TOWN BOARD – Wisconsin Towns Association suggests that Town Boards not use personal emails for town business as they would be considered open records. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to add 3 neutral email accounts (i.e. namchairman@cheqnet.net) onto the cheqnet account. MOTION seconded Supervisor Krueger and carried.

ORDINANCE #49 TO ADOPT THE WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL RECORDS SCHEDULE – Clerk Bjork explained that in order to dispose of any records, the town needs to adopt an ordinance, which was presented. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve Ordinance #49 as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

REQUEST FROM THE BAYFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S CANINE PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT - Supervisor McGregor stated Bayfield County Sherriff's office is in the process of starting a canine program, and they are soliciting for donations. They have a candidate officer who will go to 16 weeks of initial training in St Paul next winter. There is a vet that has donated their services. This will be very helpful for not only drug searches, but also search and rescues in any circumstance. This would be very advantageous to the community. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to donate \$500 to Bayfield County for the canine project. Supervisor McGregor stated that he will match those funds! MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

REQUEST FROM REGIONAL HOSPICE FOR SUPPORT – The Namakagon Community Club has donated \$100 for the “Music in the Park” event at the Cable Park on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Town Board encouraged people to attend and support the event.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to donate \$100 to the Chequamegon Children's Theater from Room Tax funds. MOTION seconded by McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the 10 Liquor License applications contingent upon full payment of any outstanding bills. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the respective agents as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Cigarette Licenses as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to authorize the clerk to approve all operator licenses through the year and to notify the board if there are any concerns. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – Abett Icks requested waiting until September before mowing roadsides on Namakagon Sunset, Garden Lake Road, Birch Bend Road and also no mowing on Bass Lake Road and mowing around clumps of milkweed on other town roads for the protection of Monarchs. This is the same request as last year, except the clumps of milkweed and the board agreed.

A letter was received from Pyrotechnic Display to inform the Town Board of certain regulation for firework storage.

The Town Board was invited to an appreciation party by Rumble on the Lake at the Brick House Café on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm.

Chequamegon-Nicole National Forest informed the town of possible funding to address road infrastructure needs through the Federal Lands Access Program.

Jan Victorson informed the town of Hazardous Materials Awareness training in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Elmer Griffaw thanked the Town Board for keeping White Bass Lake Road closed to ATVs.

Russ Pagen had information for the possibility of purchasing a new fire truck in the future. He will forward the information to the Fire Department.

Steve Bollig stated that the Town Board had communicated previously that if County M was opened to ATV traffic, the Town Board would open White Bass Lake Road. The Town Board responded that it was not correct.

There was a discussion on removal of tires on Lloyd Fannin's property.

Set date for the next Board meeting July 9, 2019 @ 7:30pm.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to go into Closed Session at 9:14pm 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 9:43pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded Supervisor McGregor by and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to adjourn at 9:44pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk