

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON  
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – September 10, 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 13 others.

Agenda was posted in 3 places in town and the Daily Press was notified on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #2959 through #3006. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Supervisor Krueger reported the meeting was held last Wednesday. The Commissioners discussed the Class A Special Use permit request and it was found compliant with the Comp Plan. Time was spent looking at maps to put the final parts of the Comp Plan together. There will be a work session tomorrow night to prepare for the Public Hearing.

LIBRARY REPORT – The Library Report will be posted on the website.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR DAVID AND JEANNIE BAUM FOR A GRADING PERMIT FOR LAND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES OF OVER 100 SQ. FT. WITHIN 300' OF LAKE NAMAKAGON LOCATED AT 23155 MISSIONARY POINT DRIVE – Karl Kastrosky presented a map. He explained that the home was built too low. Part of the driveway needs to be removed and the storm water needs to be diverted toward the lake. A new well will be required. There is a proposed office and garage to be extended onto the building as well. The buffer will stay in tact. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the request as presented, because it is compliant with the Comp Plan. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF OPENING HARMON DRIVE AS AN ATV ROUTE – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the route included 13 property owners. The petition came in with 11 signatures from property owners for support. The road

needs to have posted signs for 25 mph. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to open Harmon Drive to ATV/UTV use. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WEIGHT LIMITS FOR DAM ROAD, CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD AND JUNEKS POINT** – Mike Martin, District Ranger for the Forest Service, stated that they are advertising for timber sales. He wanted the town to be aware of the upcoming traffic on the roads, considering the weight limitations. There are 11 units along Dam Road with 2 major entry points. There will be approximately 500 trucks working on this project. The loggers will need to petition the town for road permits. The hauling can be done in the winter months. The bids will be awarded in about 35-45 days. There was discussion of access points. The town could use a seasonal restriction for the loggers. Chairman Rasmussen explained that the town cannot regulate the trucks weight if their hauling is from a place on the restricted road. He asked if the Forest Service would be interested in adding 1 ½” of blacktop to the road to be able to take the weight limits off. Mike Martin responded that there is a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) that is accepting applications right now for improvements to roads to be able to access federal lands. He stated that the Forest Service covers 75% of the cost and the town would be responsible for 25%. The town will look into. It was noted that the town is responsible for any repairs of the road. There was discussion on road damage. It was suggested that the town take pictures of the road before the project begins, just in case of road damage. The town discussed prioritizing roads for 2020. Paser ratings will be done next week, so the town could make decisions at that point. FLAP is due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Martin gave an update on the ongoing flood repair. There will be a meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at the Hall to inform the public.

**RESOLUTION: CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION PETITION FOR STATE AND FEDERAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID** – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Airport Commission held a Public Hearing in Cable to petition the state for aid within the next 6 years. There was a list of development projects that was submitted on the petition. This would allow projects to be done, if approved, with 95% federal dollars and 5% local dollars. There were no comments at the Public Hearing. The airport is owned by several townships, and this petition requires a resolution from each township. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the resolution that the Town of Namakagon does hereby ratify and affirm the Cable Union Airport Commission petition for state and federal airport development aid. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A WASTE SCREENING PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER SITE** – Chairman Rasmussen explained that the last inspection resulted in some things that were non-compliant. During this time, the DNR notified the town that they were required to submit a Waste Screening Plan. This plan lays out the operation of the Transfer Site, which is in compliance with the DNR. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the presented Waste Screening Plan. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried. Tom Anderson mentioned that the town may want to consider notifying residents that Republic Service is no longer accepting plastic bags

(bread bags, Grocery bags, etc.). If plastic bags are found in recycling items, the town will pay for an additional pick up.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE COOPERATIVE FOREST ROAD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NAMAKAGON AND THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE** – Chairman Rasmussen explained that the Forest Service has a master agreement that needs to be approved every 10 years. There is a list of roads that are part of the agreement. **MOTION** made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Cooperative Forest Road agreement. **MOTION** seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPCOMING ROAD PROJECTS FOR 2020** – Chairman Rasmussen explained that the town signed an agreement with the Forest Service to pulverize 2 ½ miles of Old Grade Road for 2020. The Forest Service will pulverize the road with 8,000 yards of gravel, which would be approximately \$64,000, plus they will pay \$25,000 toward the project. The town will be responsible for additional funds needed for hauling and placing of the gravel, compacting and grading. There was discussion on the maintenance of the road and the cost. This could be a start of repairing the road. The town could blacktop the road in the future.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ORDINANCE #24 ACCOMMODATION TAX ORDINANCE** – A letter was received from the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce requesting that Room Tax payments switch from being quarterly to monthly. It was noted that the Ordinance would need to be revised and the paperwork would increase. The Town Board agreed not to change the procedures.

**REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE** – A letter was received from the Town of Barnes regarding ambulance services to be set up through Bayfield County. The letter was sent to Federal, State and County officials. The town was seeking support from other townships. The Town Board was not in favor of the request.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jim Shaffer encouraged the town to tell residents to take things from the Recycling Center to help recycle them. He mentioned the great job of the MC, Clay Burditt, at the Auto Show.

There was discussion on roads. The overlay of Dam Road should be done by the end of the year. Namakagon Sunset Road should be done on Friday. County M is scheduled for 2021.

There was discussion on the drainage on Missionary Point Road. Clay Burditt explained that rock will be placed around the culvert by the hydrant. There was discussion that more repairs may be needed.

There was discussion on cell service and the need for better service. The lack of service is detrimental to people with medical conditions. Supervisor Krueger stated that the town has sent letters to Duffy's office and Verizon. The reply was that Verizon was not interested in advancing the service. There was discussion on the possibility of satellites. Supervisor McGregor stated that AT&T is showing some interest, because they signed a

contract with the State of WI. Their zoning has been approved for three towers in Ashland County.

Set date for the next Board meeting October 8, 2019 @ 7:30pm. Public Hearing set for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 @ 6:30pm. Budget workshop meeting Wednesday, October 2, 2019 @ 6pm.

DISCUSSION OF 2020 BUDGET – Clerk Bjork presented a preliminary 2020 Budget spreadsheet. The board discussed road projects, computer upgrades, truck replacement for the sterling and town hall roof repairs.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to adjourn at 10:04pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk