

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON  
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – October 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 Laura Bjork and 5 others.

Agenda was posted in 3 places in town. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #3007 through #3054. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Mary D’Andrea reported that they reviewed the process of the hearing for the Comprehensive Plan, and a copy of the revised plan was sent to the Forest Lodge Library, surrounding 4 townships, NW Regional Planning Commission, Bayfield County Zoning and Planning and Department of Administration. They started working on the emergency plan and also attended a zoning class at WITC.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPAIRING/REPLACING MISSIONARY POINT CULVERT – James Shaeffer brought a letter regarding a culvert, but the culvert was located in the township of Grand View, not Namakagon. James Shaeffer will present the letter to the Town of Grand View. Supervisor Krueger stated that the culvert on Missionary Point in the Town of Namakagon will be replaced in the spring. Mike Jacobs requested that rocks be placed around the culvert now before replacing the culvert.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TOWN OF CABLE FOR THE CEMETERY LOTS – The Town of Cable has set aside about \$38,000 in funds for the cemetery, specifically for expanding the cemetery. The regular maintenance is taken from their budget. The expenses yearly are approximately \$5,000 and the income is less than \$500. It was noted that the Town of Namakagon gave their lots back to the Town of Cable. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to NOT get involved with the financial support to the Town of Cable cemetery. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH THE FOREST SERVICE FOR FR 207, ROCK LAKE ROAD FOR RECONSTRUCTION/WIDENING – The contract was for cutting and decking of timber on Forest Service land at two areas and also reconstruct and widen those areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$3,000 to the project. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve an agreement with the Forest Service for FR 207, Rock Lake Road for reconstruction/widening. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ROOM TAX PAYMENTS TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – This was discussed at a previous meeting. Lakewoods asked if they could submit monthly tax payments for the purpose of helping the finances of the Chamber of Commerce. This was discussed at a previous meeting and the board did not want to change the ordinance. There was discussion on submitting the payments monthly on a volunteer basis, but the board was hesitant with this as it could become a problem with expectations and consistency. If this were to happen, the Chamber of Commerce would have to be very clear that it is a voluntary submission. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to leave the Room Tax Ordinance and rules as is. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DAMAGE TO VEHICLES ON DAM ROAD – Chairman Rasmussen explained that there had been 2 or 3 incidences in which vehicles had damage due to hitting large pot holes on Dam Road. The claims were submitted to the Town of Namakagon insurance. The claims have been denied by insurance.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ELECTION SECURITY SUBGRANT – This subgrant is to help communities improve their computer hardware, software, and support up to \$1,200. There are 5 requirements to apply: up to date hardware, IT support, in person training, on demand training and adoption of an Election Day Emergency Plan. A plan was presented for review. The board spent time completing the plan. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Election Day Emergency Response Plan according to changes that were made. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to apply for the Election Security Subgrant. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FISHERY INITIATIVE – Mike D’Andrea stated that the Fishery Initiative was all about Fish Sticks. The purpose is to restock fish, harvest reduction and environmental. A Fish Stick is a Course Woody Structure (CWS) complexes. The wood is hooked onto the shore and goes into the water. They increase yellow perch and biomass. If there are fish sticks, the Northern will stay shallower which will allow growth in Walleye and provide for other species growth. Mike D’Andrea explained the plans for placing these Fish Sticks in the lake. NLA is contributing \$2,500. He requested \$3,500 from the Town of Namakagon. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to support this Fishery Initiative with \$3,500 with room tax money to be paid in January 2020. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPLYING FOR THE MULTIMODAL LOCAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM – The Wisconsin 2019 through 2021 budget provides \$75 million in one-time general purpose revenue funding for multimodal transportation projects on the local system through MLS. The program pays up to 90% of total eligible costs with local governments providing a minimum of 10% cost share. When applications are submitted, committees score the projects and then they are submitted to the WISDOT Secretary for a final decision. The project selection is competitive. The chosen projects must cost effectively improve regional economic activity and connectivity. The due date is December 6, 2019. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to apply for the MLS program for Birch Bend Road, Garmisch Road and Lake 5 Road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLYING FOR FEDERAL LANDS ACCESS PROGRAM (FLAP) FUNDS – The FLAP was created to improve state and local transportation facilities that provide access to and through federal lands. A twenty percent matching share is required for this program. The board discussed applying for the funds for Crystal Lake Road, Dam Road and FR 203, Lost Land Lake Road. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to apply for the FLAP funding. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2019 @ 7:30PM. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING NOVEMBER 21, 2019 @ 7pm.

DISCUSSION OF 2020 BUDGET – The updated budget was presented. Figures were scrutinized. The board decided to reduce road construction by \$30,000 in crack sealing as the road crew will be doing that and it will not be contracted. The clerk will work on getting the information ready for asking for a Levy increase from the electors.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to adjourn at 9:11pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk