

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – November 12, 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, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 4 others.

Agenda was posted in 3 places in town and noticed in to the Daily Press. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. MOTION made by Chairman Rasmussen 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 #3055 through #3100. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Mary D’Andrea reported that the commission is working on an Emergency Plan with a template from Bayfield County. They are working on establishing the Community Center as a resource for emergencies, but then a generator would be necessary. Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Fire Department building has a generator, and the building could be used in an emergency.

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTRACT – Contracts were presented. The contract was the same as last year with the same monthly fees, however there was an additional 2 months of pickups during the busy summer months. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to accept the contracts through Republic Service as presented. MOTION seconded by Chairman Rasmussen and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT WITH THE US FOREST SERVICE FOR THE SALE OF MINERAL MATERIALS – The contract was presented for the Sale of Mineral Materials for 3,000 cubic yards of material from the County line Hwy 77 pit for \$1,500. MOTION made by Chairman Rasmussen to accept the contract from the US Forest Service as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW OFFICE COMPUTER, PARTLY FUNDED BY THE ELECTION SECURITY SUBGRANT – It was noted that Jack McGregor will look into the purchase of the computer, plus the one for the Treasurer. MOTION made by Chairman Rasmussen to purchase a computer with grant monies for the office. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXCLUSION FROM THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION – Supervisor McGregor stated that this seems to be a mass mailing of some sort. The board agreed to not respond as it is not even in our area.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CABLE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP & SPONSORSHIP – MOTION made by Chairman Rasmussen to sponsor the Cable Natural History at the \$250 level. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION OF BAYFIELD COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2019-71: SNOWPLOW AWARENESS AND OPERATOR APPRECIATION – The Resolution was read for awareness:

WHEREAS, Bayfield County contains over 2,100 miles of road,

WHEREAS, snowplowing is a critical service to ensure that emergency services can safely travel as required, and that citizens are able to access work, school and necessary services, and:

WHEREAS, County and Local Roadway maintenance employees are dedicated to keeping roadways clear at all times of year, but have additional burdens during the winter season; and

WHEREAS, Bayfield county reminds all persons to:

- Be cautious when they encounter snowplows
- Limit driving during bad weather to avoid becoming stuck or stalled in their vehicles
- Be aware that Wisconsin state law requires drivers to be at least 200 feet behind a working snowplow
- Use caution when passing a working snowplow because it can create a cloud of snow that can obscure a driver's vision

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, does hereby recognize the importance of the work of County and Local roadway Maintenance Employees and thanks them for their efforts to keep County and Local Roadways safe during heavy snow events.

APPOINTMENT OF PLAN COMMISSIONER TO FILL THE TERM APRIL 2018 THRU APRIL 2021 FOR LAURIE LYONS – The board discussed who might be willing to serve as a Plan Commission member. The agenda item is tabled for next month.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – Bayfield County Sherriff sent a thank you for the support of the K9 program. The Chamber of Commerce sent a thank you for the support of the Cable Fall Fest.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mary D'Andrea stated that if a podcast is available through the library, maybe the board meeting could be broadcast. The board decided not to pursue

that. There was discussion on the plans for the Hunter's dinner. The Hunter's Dinner will be the 24th of November.

SET DATE FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING December 10, 2019 @ 7:30PM.
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING NOVEMBER 21, 2019 @ 7pm.

MOTION made by Chairman Rasmussen to go into Closed Session at 8:15pm 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 McGregor at 8:42pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded Chairman Rasmussen by and carried.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION RE: HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS -
MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the town to switch to the Reliance Silver Plan with Security Health Plan. MOTION seconded by Chairman Rasmussen and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to adjourn at 8:53pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk