

State of Wisconsin
TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
Bayfield County
RESOLUTION 2020-03
EMERGENCY DECLARATION RELATED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 Bayfield County declared an emergency due to the spread of COVID-19, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Namakagon (Town) has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents and employees from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon (Town Board) has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the Town in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. S.323.11 the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, by this resolution, finds and declares that an emergency exists within the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the Town due to the spread of COVID-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Town Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the Town of Namakagon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board rules regarding meeting attendance are hereby suspended during the period of emergency and the Town Chairman and the Town Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Town Board remotely, and the Town Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information available to the Town Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall be limited to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist in the Town of Namakagon.

By Action of the
Town Board of the Town of Namakagon

Adopted this 13th day of May 2020

Robert Rasmussen, Town Chairman

James Krueger, Town Supervisor

Jack McGregor, Town Supervisor

Attest:

Laura Bjork, Town Clerk