

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – August 4, 2020
At – NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Supervisors Jim Krueger and Jack McGregor, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 6 others.

Agenda was posted at the Town Hall and on the website and noticed in the Daily Press. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the July 7th and July 14th 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 #3485 through #3527. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Supervisor Krueger reported that the Plan Commission discussed the results from the Four Town’s meeting. They also discussed the conditional use request. The Conditional Use permit application for James and Shirley Morey and Phillip Dezeler was denied as it does not meet the Comprehensive Plan due to the following Goals stated in the plan:

10.6.1, Conserve, protect, manage, and enhance the town’s natural resources, including but not limited to, lakes, rivers/streams, wetlands, groundwater, forestlands, and other wildlife habitats in order to provide the highest quality of life for Town of Namakagon citizens and visitors.

10.6.1.G.4, Encourage “low impact” development that strives to retain natural vegetation.

10.7.1.C.2, Promote light-imprint standards that will provide standards for minimizing the environmental impact on residential and commercial uses.

The Commission also discussed the Short-Term Rental request, which was an existing rental from 2008, and the owners let it go. The Town Board would just need to re-issue the permit.

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

UPDATE ON ROAD PROJECTS – Chairman Rasmussen reported that the Old Grade Road pulverizing project was completed this week. The Road Crew will be installing culverts; this week the culvert on Missionary Point will be repaired. Future work includes repairing roads with crack sealing. The Board is looking into projects for next year; if anyone has any concerns, they should contact a member of the Town Board. Supervisor McGregor noted that Lake Five Road and East Lake Five Road need to be graded. Potholes need to be filled as well.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD
RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING
FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR JIM & SHIRLEY MOREY FOR**

PERMISSION TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 44580 BIRCH POINT ROAD, TOWN OF NAMAKAGON

– Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Comp Plan denied the recommendation as stated above under the Comprehensive Plan report. The Town Board received two letters from adjacent landowners asking the town to disapprove the request. Supervisor Krueger stated that there are two existing cottages already there; they want to add 2 bigger cabins behind those buildings. Nothing is staked out or marked on the property, so it is unknown what exactly is going on. The County ordinance states anything over 3 units requires a minimum of 30,000 sq. ft. of Open Space per residence, and it does not comply with that. There is no stipulation with what is going on with the septic. The wetlands are also an issue. Of the 7 property owners that were contacted, 6 have contacted the board and are not in favor of the permit. This is more of a multi-unit development, but it does not fit with the regulations because of the wetlands. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to deny/disapprove the recommendation for a conditional use permit for Jim & Shirley Morey for permission to add two additional structures to the property located at 44580 Birch Point Road, Town of Namakagon for six reasons:

1. The Conditional Use permit application for James and Shirley Morey and Phillip Dezeler is denied as it does not meet the Comprehensive Plan due to the following Goals stated in the plan.

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10.7.1.C.2, Promote light-imprint standards that will provide standards for minimizing the environmental impact on residential and commercial uses.

2. Seven (7) adjacent landowners were notified of this conditional use permit request. Six (6) out of the seven (7) objected to this permit either in person, by phone or with written disapproval. The two (2) written disapprovals are attached.
3. As per Bayfield County Ordinance, there needs to be 30,000 sq. ft. of open space per residence, and this situation does not comply with that requirement.
4. Upon viewing the residence there were no stakes or markings set at the location, which is required, therefore the Town Board and Plan Commission members could not identify the layout of the plans.
5. There are wetlands in that area, and there is concern about the run-off into the wetland areas.
6. There was no information regarding the septic system. There were concerns about increasing the septic to meet the demands of four (4) residence, rather than the two (2) that already exists.

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A SHORT TERM RENTAL PERMIT FOR ALLEN JAMES NESS, LOCATED AT 24595 GARDEN LAKE ROAD, CABLE, WI 54821

– MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Short-Term Rental permit for the Ness property located at 24595 Garden Lake Road, contingent upon compliance with a County septic inspection, health inspection, town inspection and County approval of the Short-Term Rental. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. Treasurer Skultety stated that there is a concern about the room

tax that has not been paid up to this time. MOTION by Supervisor Krueger was amended to include being contingent upon paying the fines for owning a rental in violation against our ordinance. Amended MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FIREWORKS CONTROL ORDINANCE #27 – Chairman Rasmussen stated that there was an issue with the Fireworks permits that were given to Garmisch Resort. The Condo Association at Garmisch owns the property of Garmisch, however the owner of Garmisch applied for the permit, but he is not the owner of the property. There was discussion on the details of the Fireworks Control Ordinance No. 27. There was discussion on who should be able to receive permits. There were changes discussed to the permit and the application. The changes will be made and then will be re-evaluated at the next board meeting.

DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE EVALUATION FORMS – Three forms were presented for employee evaluations. The board and the employees will be required to fill out two forms. The board would meet for a pre-evaluation to discuss their forms before having the employee evaluation. Then the board and employee would get together for the evaluation and a final form would be filled out and signed by the board and the employee and placed in the employee file. A meeting was set for Tuesday, August 18th at 1pm for pre-evaluation.

DISCUSSION OF REFUNDING BACK TAXES TO RISBERG LAND COMPANY – Clerk Bjork stated that this was discussed with the Assessor, who was not familiar with the process of back taxes. He thought that the laws only allowed for payment of back taxes for up to 2 previous years, however, he found out that the town is liable for all back taxes plus 5% interest. After the check was cut and cashed, the Town Clerk would need to file a chargeback form PC-201 to be able to collect the money from the state. The Town Board agreed to inquire the details of the process through WI Town’s Association.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – COVID-19 testing will be held Friday, August 14th from 11am to 7pm at the Cable Community Center.

Cable/Namakagon Historical Society newsletter and membership – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to continue the towns membership for \$250 with the Cable/Namakagon Historical Society. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Supervisor Krueger stated that there was some concern about signage in the town. He will look into the situation.

A Town of Namakagon resident sent pics of a concrete block being laid close to the lakeshore. This information will be sent to Rob Schierman, Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Director and Matthew Koshellek with the DNR.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was discussion on no limits of Short-Term rentals in the Town of Namakagon. There was discussion on including a sponsorship for a room at the library in the upcoming budget.

Set date for the next Board meeting September 8, 2020 @ 7:30pm.
Clean Sweep Dates: August 11th in Bayfield County; August 12th in Ashland County;
September 29th in Price County and September 30th in Sawyer County

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk