

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – October 20, 2020
At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 1:00pm

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Present were Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety and Clerk Laura Bjork.

Discussion and possible action on credit card payments – The Town Board discussed being able to take credit card payments both in the office and for tax season. The treasurer will look into and see if it is requested by the public this year.

Discussion and possible action on a contract for pest control with Plunkett's Pest Control – Supervisor McGregor stated that the Fire Department equipment is being ruined by mice, and something should be done to prevent this from happening. The town currently has Bugmeister come in and spray for bugs, however, they do not do mice control. Plunkett's would be once a month. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the contract for pest control with Plunkett's Pest Control at \$660/yr. for the Town Hall and Fire Department and \$330/yr. for Pioneer Station. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion on communication issues between the Town and Bayfield County Zoning Department – The Town Board discussed the zoning correspondence that have been going on. There has been no response since the town sent the letter in August. There was discussion on County Dispatch notice to Great Divide Ambulance Service of not responding to transfer requests, because it ties up their lines. The Town Board agreed to send a reminder letter to the County for the letter that was written in August.

Discussion of 2021 Budget – An updated budget was presented. The Town Board discussed the cost of roof repairs for the Town Hall and the cost for upgrading the kitchen and repairs to the ceiling. These costs are unknown at the time. The Town Board agreed that they continue to ask for a \$70,000 levy limit increase to allow for repairs of the Town Hall roof and all other monies left over will go to upgrading the kitchen. It was noted that the timbers for gardening will need to be replaced as they are all rotted, and the rock stream needs to be completed at the Town Hall as well. The budget will be balanced with \$68,139 in reserve funds and the Town Hall repairs will be done if approved by electors with the levy limit increase.

Resolution No. 2020-06 for Town of Namakagon Town Board to Propose Exceeding Levy Limits –

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town, village, city, and county levies for 2020 and thereafter under s. 66.0602, Wis. Stat.;

Whereas s. 66.0602, Wis. Stat. limits the allowable local levy for 2020 to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of (a) zero percent of the 2019 payable 2020 adjusted actual levy as calculated under the state's levy limit law or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction less improvements removed, which for the Town of Namakagon is .269%;

Whereas, the town board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County, believes that for the 2020 tax levy (to be collected in 2021) it is in the town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than .269;

Whereas, the Town of Namakagon's 2019 payable 2020 adjusted actual tax levy was \$425,622, and further whereas the state law would limit this year's increase to \$1,145 ($\$425,622 \times .269\%$), for a total allowable town tax levy of \$426,484 ($\$426,767$ less \$283 for the 2021 personal property aid payment) before adjustments for 2020 (to be collected in 2021);

THEREFORE, the town board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

1. The town board supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2020 that will exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit.
2. The town board directs that the question of increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2020 (to be collected in 2021) by 16.41 percent ($\$70,000 \div \$426,484$) which would increase the town levy by \$70,000 for a total town tax levy (after adjustments) of \$496,484 ($\$426,484 + 70,000$), shall be placed on the agenda for the special town meeting to be held on November 12, 2020.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve Resolution No. 2020-06 to Propose Exceeding Levy Limits. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 1:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk