

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, November 10, 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 and Treasurer Arlene Skultety.

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 October 13th and 20th were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #3629 through #3674. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Supervisor Krueger reported that both the Fogarty and Ebert variance requests were in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission talked about keeping the Plan Commission functioning on an “as needed” basis.

LIBRARY REPORT – The Library report was received after the meeting but will be posted on the website.

Update on Road Projects – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the town does not qualify for any Forest Service Road projects for the upcoming year. The town will be pursuing road work on Birch Bend and Lake 5 and possibly Garmisch Road. The Forest Service is 2 years out with work to be done on Garmisch Road.

Discussion and possible action on a Variance request by James Fogarty, which was denied by the Bayfield County and appealed to the circuit court and remanded back to Bayfield County Board of Adjustment – The Plan Commission recommended this variance request as it is in compliance with the Comp Plan. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to support the variance request by Dr. Fogarty. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. It was noted that a letter should be sent to zoning with the pink slip supporting this variance as the town has in the past. MOTION carried.

Discussion and possible action on a Reconsideration of a decision made by the Bayfield County Board of Adjustment in August for Ray Ebert – The Plan Commission recommended this variance request as it is in compliance with the Comp Plan. It is noted that this is just a reconsideration. Once approved the request will need to go to the Board of Adjustment. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to send a letter of support to zoning noting that the town was supportive previously. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Discussion and possible action on the Comprehensive Plan Commission – The Plan Commission discussed dissolving the commission at their last meeting, however, the Plan Commission is needed, so they discussed continuing on an “as needed” basis. Supervisor McGregor suggested that when people submit paperwork to Bayfield County that they would request copies of the paperwork and submit them to the town at the same time. Something could be added to the website for this process. The Plan Commission will continue to meet on an “as needed” basis. When the clerk receives a pink slip, it will be sent via email to the Plan Commission members and they will decide whether they need a meeting to discuss or if it is not necessary to meet because of blatant compliance.

Discussion and possible action on sign on the intersection of County Hwy M and County Hwy D – Correspondence was received from the Chamber that they will work with the town to come up with something to save the sign, and they also offered to head up the project. Supervisor Krueger will contact the Chamber about the project.

Review Correspondence:

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Prevention Initiative – Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Department put up six dumpsters around Bayfield County for hunters to drop their carcasses to test for chronic waste disease last year. They are requesting support for this endeavor to continue this year. The board agreed this project should be funded by the DNR and Bayfield County.

Public Comment – None.

Set date for the next Board meeting December 8, 2020 @ 7:30pm.

Public Budget Meeting and Special Elector Meeting and Board Meeting Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7pm.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk