

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, March 9, 2021
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 2 others.

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

The minutes from the February 9th were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to dispense the reading of the Town Board 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 #3833 through #3872. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – None.

Library Report – The Library Report will be posted on the website. The Town Board discussed supporting the library with funding via a Namakagon Room for their expansion project. The board was in favor.

Chamber of Commerce Update – Tabled until next month.

Discussion and possible action on Town Hall Kitchen Remodel – A quote was presented for cabinets and countertops from Cable Lumber. The Town Board discussed replacing flooring with ceramic flooring. The bathroom door needs to be taken out and replaced with a wall. The entry door needs to be replaced as well as the stove and dishwasher. The board will continue discussing these upgrades next meeting.

Discussion of replacing Sterling Truck – The Town Board discussed replacing the Sterling Truck in 2022. Since the process takes about a year to get through, the board will start the process now. It was noted that the town loan has less than one payment left, which will be paid out next year, leaving funds to be possibly used for this purchase. The highway equipment fund can be used and also part of the highway budget in 2022. The specs for the truck will mimic the last purchased Mack. The board agreed to put specs together and get ready for bidding.

Discussion and possible action on 2021 Town Road Aid Projects to provide access to the County Forest – The total cost for graveling and grading 1 mile of Wilderness Road is approximately \$6,000, which includes gravel, man hours, equipment hours and signage. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to apply for \$2,000 in Road Aid for

graveling and grading 1 mile of road located on Wilderness Road and Old Grade Road to help access County Forest. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion and possible action on proposed Amendments to Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance – Chairman Rasmussen spoke with Brett Rondeau about the amendments, and he conveyed that the non-metallic mining section was done in error and needs to be corrected. This amendment would limit non-metallic mining sites to be at least 1 mile from a lake, which the town is only half a mile away from the lake. Another part of the amendment limits where farm stores can sell their product. The Town Board and or part of the Town Board will attend the county meeting on March 18th.

Discussion and possible action on the 2021-2023 Groundwater Monitoring Contract – It was noted that last year the town paid \$1,280. The contract proposed for 2021-2023 was for \$1,460. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to accept the 2021-2023 Groundwater Monitoring Contract from Lemmenes Hydrometric Services. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Discussion on Bayfield County application for 2021 Non-Metallic Mining Sites – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to apply for the 2021 Non-Metallic Mining Site. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion and possible action on Gravel Crushing – The Road Crew suggested crushing 10,000 ton of gravel. There was discussion on crushing at the Dump site or Forestry Pit 191. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to advertise for crushing gravel. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Jeff Raether and Larry Pribyl as Plan Commission members for a three year term May 2021 through April 2024. It was noted that Abett Icks did not want to continue serving on the Plan Commission. Clerk Bjork will send out an email and see if there is any interest in this position.

Review Correspondence

Letter from Judge Anderson – The Town Board agreed not to support campaigning efforts.

Public Comment – The Town Board thanked Mike D’Andrea for his efforts with the fish sticks project! Great job!

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to go into Closed Session at 8:36pm 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 Krueger at 8:46pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Set date for the next Board meeting April 13, 2021 @ 7:30pm.

Open Book Tuesday, April 13th 10am to 12pm, over the phone only.

Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 7pm.

Board of Review Thursday, May 27th 5pm to 7pm.

2021 Spring Election – April 6, 2021

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk

UNAPPROVED