

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, June 8, 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 18 others.

The 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 May 11th meeting were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes from May 11th and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #3948 through #4003. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – There was no meeting this past month.

Library Report - The Library report will be posted on the website.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Michael & Ellen Stampfi for a short term rental to the property located at 23180 Missionary Point Dr., Town of Namakagon - MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the recommendation to Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Michael & Ellen Stampfi for a short term rental to the property located at 23180 Missionary Point Dr, contingent upon compliance with obtaining a town inspection and County Septic Inspection and contingent upon compliance with Rental Criteria and Conditions attached. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Report from the Snowmobile Club on re-route of Trail 8 – Gene Dubiel reported that the snowmobile club has been working on an alternate route. They received permission to go across private property. They are now waiting for approval to cross Federal property to complete the route. The route is marked. They are just waiting approval. This is a process that takes a bit of time and there are several requests ahead of this one. More has been done in two months than in four years! The route is 90% on disturbed land. The route goes from 670 to 678 logging road to disturbed land needing approval to Matthew Road to cross crick to Federal land to private property back to the trail. If the Feds approve, there is a lot of work to be done. Tom Biasi stated that he contacted all 16 landowners on Buffalo Lake Road, and out of the 16 letters, 14 were opposed and there were 2 no responses. Not one supported Buffalo Lake Road as a snowmobile route. There was discussion on the possibility of continuing the route on Buffalo Lake Road. The Town Board stated that the approval for Buffalo Lake Road was to be utilized for last year only.

Discussion and possible action on Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department By-Laws - Kathy Sill reported that the Fire Department members approved the by-laws presented. Supervisor

McGregor stated that some changes need to be made to be in compliance with Ordinance 54-20 Fire Protection and Prevention. The following changes were noted:

Article V Officers should read: The Town of Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department shall consist of one Fire Chief, two Assistant Fire Chiefs, one Fire Inspector, two Captains, one Secretary/Treasurer and Firefighters. All elected and appointed officers shall meet the requirements of SPS 330.

Article V Fire Chief (c) The Fire Chief position shall be a paid position within the department. The wage shall be determined by the Town Board. The Town Board may base the set wage on a recommendation from election results of the Annual meeting of the Department. This expenditure shall come from and be provided for in the Annual Fire Department Budget.

There was discussion on the quorum requirements.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department By-Laws with the noted two changes. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Discussion of survey at the Demolition Landfill Site – Chairman Rasmussen noted that the original application was done in 1985. At the last inspection, the inspector requested a survey to verify the layout. The Town Board will hire Nelson Surveying, Heart of the North Surveying from Ashland to verify the layout. The landfill site is running out of room. If the town decides to add to the site, it is required to be 1,000' away from the existing site. There are 5 monitoring wells there that have always been in compliance.

Discussion on add-ons for truck box – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to suspend agenda item to end of meeting. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Discussion of the 2021 Bayfield County Health Infrastructure Grant – Clerk Bjork announced that the Bayfield County Health Infrastructure Grant Committee selected the Town of Namakagon Community Park Development project as a grant recipient for the 2021-2022 year! The project will be upgrading equipment at the Town Hall and implementing a fitness path across the driveway in the wooded area near the Town Hall. The picnic table, bench swing, light pole and bike racks will be ordered to be installed as soon as possible. The path will be marked and ready for clearing late this fall. The fitness equipment will be installed next spring. This is the first part of a three-year project. Bayfield County requested before and after pictures to be able to promote the project.

Discussion on property for sale in the Town of Namakagon through Bayfield County, Tax ID #24352, Lot 1, CSM #873 in S2, T43N, R6W – The town was notified that Bayfield County intends to sell the property at auction. The property is all swamp land. The Town Board is not interested in the property.

Discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act – The town will be receiving funds from this act soon. The rules and regulations for spending the funds are located on the Department of Revenue website, but they are very confusing. An email was sent to clarify expenditures of the funds, but no response was returned to date. The Town Board will continue to look into.

Discussion on the Library room sponsorship - The Town supported the idea at the April Town Board meeting; however, a formal motion was never made. It was noted that there is a three-year period to pay for the room. Supervisor McGregor requested elector input regarding this sponsorship. The town supports the library with \$63,000 every year. The library is still planning

things out, so there is time to discuss. Information will be added to the website for elector input. This will be added to the agenda next month.

Approval of Liquor License applications and respective agents as published - 9 applications. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve Combination Class B Beer/Class B Liquor licenses to Back of House LLC DBA Pla-Mor, Garmisch Inn LLC, Cable Nature Lodge LLC DBA Rookery, Staudemeyer's Four Season's Resort, The Evergreen Tavern LLC, Hank's Landing, Loon Patrol LLC DBA Loon Saloon, Lakewoods Inc. and Forest Ridges Golf Course. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Approval of Cigarette Licenses per applications - MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to authorize the Town Clerk to approve and issue Cigarette Licenses. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Approve Issuance of Operator's License per applications - MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to authorize the Town Clerk to approve and issue Operator Licenses. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Review Correspondence:

Cable Area Chamber of Commerce Membership – The Town Board agreed to continue with the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce membership with Room Tax Monies.

Public Comment

Kathy Sill thanked Gene Dubiel for the time and effort he put into the trail system! The snowmobile club is doing all they can to continue the route through the area. Supervisor Krueger stated that Gene Dubiel has spent tons of time in the project and the Town Board respects all the work that he has done.

There was discussion on the signage on Buffalo Lake Road. The signs need to be updated to just ATV route, no longer snowmobile route.

There was discussion regarding a large tree in the lake creating a dangerous hazard. Buoys cannot be used because they are only used for submerged things. The town is not responsible; however, the town can contact Charlie Best to see if he can remove or push back into the swamp area.

There was discussion on the roadwork to be done on County Hwy M. It is scheduled to be done this year sometime. County Hwy D to Frels Road is a Federal project because of the Chequamegon National Forest, and the other part is a state project. Each part was bid out separately.

Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department has their open house on Saturday, June 12th from 8am until noon. There will be free Fire Extinguisher inspections, fire extinguishers for sale and everyone is welcome to tour their building!

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

Discussion on add-ons for truck box – The Town Board agreed to add on the Universal scraper, 44" sides and the Swenson spreader. The old truck will be traded in as well for \$22,000. The truck will include a X-High package to accommodate for the scraper.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk