

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, July 13, 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 12 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 June 8th meeting was presented. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes from June 8th and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #4004 through #4054. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Sarah Boles reported that they discussed the Class A Special Use permit. The committee continues to meet when needed.

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

Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Cummer Real Estate, Makala Reukema RM Property Management, Agent, for a short term rental to the property located at 44890 County Hwy D, Town of Namakagon – Tabled due to no pink slip.

Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Drew Moessner and Craig Jamesom to shoreland grade to relocate private easement road which will make an existing residential structure comply with county setback requirements located at 43445 and 43435 Old Castle Garden Road, Town of Namakagon - Karl Kastrovsky presented a map with the proposed project. To add onto the structure, the road needs to be moved to the edge of Lake Namakagon. The Plan commission recommended approval to the Town Board. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Class A Special Use Permit for Drew Moessner and Craig Jamesom to shoreland grade to relocate private easement road which will make an existing residential structure comply with county setback requirements located at 43445 and 43435 Old Castle Garden Road, Town of Namakagon because it is in compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger. All in favor, MOTION carried.

Forest Service letter of proposal to allow ATVs to use a portion of Snowmobile Trail 21 from Forest Road 203 to North Scheers Road – The Forest Service is taking their existing forest trail that is open to snowmobiles and opening it to ATV's as well. The Town Board has no concerns for opening this route for ATV use.

ATV usage on Missionary Point – There is a rental on Missionary Point that have renters who are riding ATV's in areas that they should not be. Supervisor Krueger stated that the property owner is responsible that the renters obey the local law. If the renters are not in compliance, then the permit will be suspended. A warning letter was sent in May already. This specific rental is through AirBnB which advertised ATV trails right from their rental. The property owner is not taking responsibility; they have suggested the residents call the cops. The first four out of six properties are all rentals on Missionary Point. Mike Jacobs stated that there are regulations for an ATV route to be signed at the beginning and the end of the route. There is no end sign on Missionary Point. The end sign is located in the Town of Grand View. Mike Jacobs will be attending the Town of Grand View meeting to request a sign be placed at the end of the route. The Town Treasurer will send a letter to the rental owner again because of non-compliance.

Discussion of Disposal of Town property located on Garden Lake, parcels #25191 thru #25194 - Koenen's are requesting the town to consider selling property. The property was labeled as a public park for futuristic use. Supervisor Krueger stated that if the town were to consider selling property, he would request that the property be listed to be fair to all those who might be interested. However, the town is not interested. Sarah Boles stated that the town property creates a nice buffer there that is appreciated.

Forest Service Master Agreement Modification – Forest Lodge is located on Garmisch Road, and the Forest Service will be working on that part of the road; maintaining, and cutting the hill for site distance. This agreement modification adds Garmisch Road to the list of roads to allow work with the Forest Service. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to accept the Forest Service Master Agreement Modification. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger. All in favor; MOTION carried.

Forest Service Agreement for Crushing Gravel - MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to accept the agreement for Crushing Gravel at the Castle Creek F191 Pit. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. All in favor; MOTION carried.

Pre-buy for fuel – The Town currently contracts with Midland Services, who are offering \$1.359. The lowest price out there is \$1.249. Chairman Rasmussen will continue to bargain for the best price for propane fuel.

Town of Namakagon website calendar - The Gun Club requested that their events be posted on the Town of Namakagon website. There was discussion if this was the appropriate place to post, as the events are not in the Town of Namakagon. The Town Clerk will add a post to the website that refers people to the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce for a list of activities and events.

American Rescue Plan Act Funds – The Town of Namakagon received \$12,978.90 from ARPA. Another \$12,978.90 will be received in 6 months. A letter was received from Bayfield County sharing the actions to date relating to the ARPA funding distributions. A letter was received from the ambulance service requesting support in purchasing a new ambulance and premium pay for employees with ARPA funding. Supervisor Krueger noted that the town may be able to purchase a generator for the Town Hall with monies from ARPA. This will continue to be discussed and reviewed until the board decides where these funds will most effectively be utilized.

Library room sponsorship – The Town posted a message on the website requesting input on the library expansion funding. Twelve letters of support were received, and six letters were received not in support. The library is a big part of the Town of Namakagon. The subsidies are set by the state. The Town of Namakagon spends \$63,000 on subsidies that go directly to the Forest Lodge Library. This library room is a sponsorship for the expansion of the new building. The cost is \$30,000 to be paid over three years. There was discussion on how to budget for this expenditure. The Town Board will continue to review the budget to see where the funds could come from.

Review Correspondence – None.

Public Comment – Brad Palmer gave appreciation to the Town Board for writing a letter to keep property owners accountable for their rentals.

It was noted that road work on County Hwy M was delaying and is now scheduled to start end of August.

Set date for the next Board meeting August 17, 2021 @ 7:30pm.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk