

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – April 9, 2019
At – NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Michael D’Andrea, Deputy Clerk Laura Bjork and 19 others.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the previous meeting were summarized by Deputy Clerk Laura Bjork. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #2715 through #2763. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Jim Krueger reported that the Plan Commission reviewed the Short Term Rental application and completed the narrative for the Comp. Plan.

LIBRARY REPORT – The library report will be posted on the website.

Item #10 moved here by Chairman Rasmussen.

OPEN BIDS FOR NAMAKAGON SUNSET PROJECT – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the town will be receiving \$100,000 in grant money to help with the cost of this project on Namakagon Sunset Road. One bid was received from Northwoods Paving. The bid was for 1.72 miles by 20’ wide at a cost of \$192,342.80. After this part of the project is completed, there will be a second bid put out, and the town will be receiving \$75,000 from the US Forest Service along with all culverts and 3,500 yards of gravel to help with the project. The US Forest Service is willing to help with costs to improve the road so the Class B restrictions can be removed. Jon Humberg, representative from Northwoods Paving, mentioned that it might be nice to have the road a little wider, especially on the inside of curves, if it is going to be used more with bigger trucks. Prior to pulverizing, the town crew will be putting in culverts. The pulverizing will start the middle of May, as long as ice is out of the roads. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to accept the bid of \$192,342.80 from Northwoods Paving. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS A SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR SCOTT AND BARBARA MIKA FOR PERMISSION TO BUILD A NEW HOME LOCATED AT 44030 DODD DRIVE IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 43N, RANGE 6W, TOWN OF

NAMAKAGON – This Class A Special Use request was just received in the office. It was noted that there was no need for a meeting for approval in Bayfield County. The construction is a way back from the shoreline. The trees have been removed already. Chairman Rasmussen noted that the transfer site is available for demos. He also mentioned for the owners to be aware of roads with Class B restrictions. This was tabled to go before the Plan Commission for review.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OPENING A PORTION OF THE WESTERN PART OF WHITE BASS LAKE ROAD FROM COUNTY HWY M TO BUFFALO LAKE ROAD TO ATVS –

There was a petition presented to the board to open White Bass Lake Road to ATVs with 64 signatures, of which 5 were property owners. It was noted that there is only one vote per property owner. Rick Guthman stated that this was talked about at a previous town board meeting when there was discussion on opening County Road M, and he said that at that time, the board stated that if County Road M was opened, they would open White Bass Lake Road. The route is land-locked from Buffalo Lake Road. Chairman Rasmussen responded that two-thirds of the property owners need to be in favor to open. David Hebert sent out 17 petition letters, of which 12 were returned not in favor and 2 were returned in favor, all of which were property owners. Terry Terrace lives on White Bass Road, and he received the petition letter from David Hebert. There was no contact information on the letter, except the returned addressed and stamped envelope that was labeled the Town of Namakagon. He assumed that the Town Board sent the letter, and upon doing some research, he realized that the town did not send it. He stated concerns that the letter was written in third person and that the author was not identified. He stated that he is in favor of opening White Bass Lake Road. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to table this item to give time to the people to petition with a clear letter stating who wrote the letter, so the people understand, with no confusion and no involvement from the township. It was noted that the township should not be taking a side to petition and should not be sending out letters, so it needs to be redone. The ATV club should make the presentation then the people should present any opposition. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. The ATV Club will need to have 12 property owners in favor to have approval to open the road. There was discussion on alternate routes. It was noted the township has the authority to open county roads. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #32: ALL-TERRAIN (ATV) AND UTILITY-TERRAIN (UTV) ROUTE ORDINANCE –

Jim Krueger stated that the Sheriff noticed that the enforcement wording needed to be changed in Section 7. The changes in Section 7 – Enforcement are as follows: Any violations while operating ATV/UTVs on roads in the Town of Namakagon will be enforced by the Town of Namakagon Enforcement Officer or any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the laws of the State of Wisconsin. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to amend the Ordinance #32 as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger. There was discussion on enforcement and signage. MOTION carried.

BAYFIELD COUNTY ZONING REQUEST FOR A SHORT TERM RENTAL FOR LAURA WELLS, LOCATED AT 42560 ROCK LAKE ROAD, LAKEWOODS FOREST RIDGES, UNIT B – The Plan Commission reviewed this request and everything was in order, except there was not a short term rental town permit filed. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the request for a Short Term Rental for Laura Wells, located at 42560 Rock Lake Road, Lakewoods Forest Ridges, Unit B, contingent upon a Short Term Rental permit filed with the Town of Namakagon. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE TOWN OF NAMAKAGON WEBSITE – Deputy Clerk Bjork stated that a Domain Renewal was made to Network Solutions for the website. The representative offered other services. A Facebook page could be linked to the website, the company could do a business profile for \$74.95/mo., and an encryption to the website giving the town an SSL Certification for \$120 for two years. It was noted that the town does not have any type of credit card payments attached to the website nor does it attach any forms to be filled out. The town board is not interested in these offers for the website.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF BEING A SPONSOR TO THE CABLE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to donate \$250 to the Cable Natural History Museum as a sponsor. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OF NAMAKAGON CLERK – Tabled to annual meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS; SARAH BOLES AND PC RASMUSSEN – Chairman Rasmussen appointed Sarah Boles and PC Rasmussen as Comprehensive Planning Commission members for a term of 3 years.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – Date set for a Road Inspection on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 8am. Chairman Rasmussen received an email from the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest stating that they would supply the town with gravel and supply the town with up to \$10,000 per mile if the town is willing to haul and place (or contract to haul and place) the gravel and execute the pulverizing contract in 2020. Pulverizing and grading/compacting will cost about \$10,000 per mile. The town would like to pursue, but need to pursue help in hauling from other townships. It was noted that the culverts need to be inspected.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was discussion on who was buried in the Town of Namakagon owned plots at the Town of Cable Cemetery. There was discussion on how a portion of White Bass Road was opened to ATVs. There was discussion on ATV/UTV signage. There was discussion on the microwave dish that was being added to the cell tower to relay signals.

Date for the Annual Town Board meeting April 16, 2019 @ 7:00pm.

Date for Open Book Thursday, April 18, 2019 1pm to 3pm and Board of Review Tuesday, May 14, 2019 5pm to 7pm.

Set date for the next Board meeting May 14, 2019 @ 7:30pm.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to go into Closed Session at 9:03pm pursuant to S.19.85(1)(A) of the WI Statutes for Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body. The board will reconvene in open session pursuant to State Statute 19.85(2) to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger at 9:08pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded Supervisor McGregor by and carried.

The Town Board meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Deputy Clerk