

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
FOR – TOWN BOARD MEETING – July 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 Laura Bjork and 10 others.

Agenda was posted in 3 places in town on July 5th and July 8th. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the previous meeting and June 28th were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #2855 through #2907. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REPORT – Jim Krueger reported that their meeting was held on July 3rd. The Commission discussed the Palace View zoning request and the Comprehensive Plan.

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

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to suspend the agenda and move to item #9. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO BAYFIELD COUNTY ZONING RE: PALACE VIEW INC. 43155-43195 COUNTY HIGHWAY M CABLE, WI. 54821 SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO GRADE IN EXCESS OF 1000 SQ.FT. WITHIN 300 FT OF LAKE NAMAKAGON – Karl Kastrosky explained that there are wetlands that need to be filled for access. It is located on the eastern side of Telemark Point. All necessary permits have been received and were presented with the request. The Plan Commission recommended the request to the board, because it fit the plan and it was using an existing road. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the recommendation based on the Plan Commission reasoning. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TOWN OF NAMAKAGON SUPPORT TO BAYFIELD COUNTY FOR OPENING COUNTY ROAD M FROM OLD GRADE ROAD (FR191) TO ASHLAND COUNTY LINE TO ATVS – Supervisor McGregor stated that the county agreed to open White Bass Road to the Ashland County Line, and there was a request for support from the town to open County Road M from Old Grade Road to the Ashland

County Line, which is approximately 300'. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to write a letter of support to Bayfield County to open County Road M from Old Grade Road to the Ashland County Line to ATVs. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SIGNAGE ON ROADS FOR PEDESTRIANS FOR SAFETY – Kevin Johnson stated that there are 4 safety issues that he is concerned with. The safety issues are: Forest Lodge Road by Garmisch and Loon Saloon, Island View Campgrounds and PlaMor, which are county roads. There are blind hills and intersections, blockage by trees and people are coming off the lake crossing the roadways creating safety concerns. The Town Board agreed to post signage on the roads that are within the township and also write a letter to Andy Runice and Bayfield County Sheriff to voice these concerns and request signage. Kevin Johnson state that he would like to help with the placement of signs.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE NAMAKAGON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Supervisor Krueger requested that the topic be tabled for a Public Hearing. The topic was tabled for approval in September to allow for a Public Hearing.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COORDINATING WITH BAYFIELD COUNTY ZONING TO RECEIVE PERMIT REQUESTS TIMELY – Chairman Rasmussen explained that several zoning representatives would like to meet with the Town Board to discuss the issue of receiving late pink slips. The Town Board agreed to meet with the representatives possibly July 23rd or 24th at 1pm.

DISCUSSION OF OLD GRADE ROAD PROJECT FOR 2020 – Chairman Rasmussen explained that the Forest Service offered to provide \$25,000 and approximately 8,000 cubic yards of gravel for pulverizing and resurfacing approximately 2.4 miles of FR 191 (Old Grade Road) in 2020. The resurfacing will be gravel only. There was discussion on who would maintain the road. The town would need to project approximately \$20,000 into the budget next year to do this project. There was discussion on contacting WTA to inquire about TRIPP money for next year. The topic was tabled to inquire about maintenance of the road with the Forest Service.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXTENDING THE TRUCK WARRANTY – There were several different extended warranties presented. The truck will be out of warranty next month. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the extended warranty for 84 months, 7 years, from the purchase date for \$5,392. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. Supervisor McGregor noted that the town should purchase extended warranties at the time of purchase to save some money. MOTION carried.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – Children's Theatre sent a thank you for support, as well as the Walleye Project, which raised about \$7,000 from the fishing tournament and banquet.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Shaeffer thanked Chairman Rasmussen for his auctioneering for the fishing banquet. It was noted that there is no need for an ordinance amendment to recommend to the County to open County Road M from Old Grade Road to Ashland County Line to ATVs because it is a county road, and therefore their decision. It was also noted that Bayfield County Zoning is responsible for posting fire numbers. Chairman Rasmussen was presented with a plaque for his 50 years of service to the town!

Set date for the next Board meeting August 6, 2019 @ 7:30pm. A Public Hearing is to be held September 10th before the board meeting to discuss the amended comp. plan.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to adjourn at 8:38pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk