

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, February 9, 2021
At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Supervisors Jim Krueger and Jack McGregor, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 5 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 January 12th were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the Town Board 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 #3790 through #3832. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – None.

Library Report – None.

Discussion and possible action on a Bayfield County request for Town Board recommendation on a Class A Special Use Permit for John & Amy Stalter for a Short-Term Rental permit, located at 45360 Marsh Lane, Section 4, Township 43N, Range 6W, Town of Namakagon – The Comp Plan had no issues with this request. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the recommendation to Bayfield County for a Class A Special Use Permit for John & Amy Stalter for a Short-Term rental permit, contingent upon compliance with Rental Criteria and Conditions attached. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion and possible action on financial support for Fish Habitat - Mike D’Andrea stated that the Namakagon Lake Association received a \$25,000 Healthy Lakes Grant. A report was presented on the expenditures of the grant monies. They will start doing Fishsticks on the 16th if the ice is 26” thick. The project needs financial support and donation of trees for building complexes. The Town Board agreed to help with donating trees from the clearing of the right of way and the trees at the Recycling Center. The Town Board also agreed to support the project financially with \$1,675.

Discussion and possible action of Lease by and between Cable Natural History Museum, Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees, Town of Cable and Town of Namakagon - MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the lease by and between Cable Natural History Museum, Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees, Town

of Cable and Town of Namakagon. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Discussion and possible action on Town Road Snowplowing – There were several complaints received about the conditions of roads, including Garden Lake Road, Bay Drive and Bear Point. The issues being frequency of plowing, grading, and sanding. It was noted that some of the issues are from trail groomers. Kathy Sill stated that the center of Garden Lake Road was plowed, leaving the edges thick with snow making it difficult for residents to walk on the roadside. Supervisor McGregor stated that some of the complaints included that messages were left for the Road Crew, and they were not responding to them. Supervisor Krueger stated that he spoke with Clay about the complaints. The road crew did go out immediately and fix the issues. A sample Snow Plowing Policy was presented. This will be addressed at the next Town Board meeting. The board will talk to the Road Crew about taking care of the roads.

Discussion and possible action on Bid Notice for Town Hall Roof Replacement – The Town Board discussed the actual bid and agreed to advertise so bids can be opened at the April board meeting. Chairman Rasmussen and Clerk Bjork will put the bid together.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Tom Anderson as an Election Worker for the term through December 31, 2021.

Review Correspondence – A thank you letter was received from the Cable/Namakagon Historical Museum for the town support.

Public Comment - Kathy Sill stated that the Fire Department received over \$9,000 from the letters that went out for the Hunter's Dinner! The Community Club will be making a donation to the Fire Department from their received donations.

Ray Ebert thanked the Town Board and the Plan Commission for the help with getting his variance!

He questioned how the town manages room tax from businesses. Treasurer Skultety stated that there are about 60 short-term rentals in the town, and it is very difficult to manage.

It was noted that if the road crew is not plowing, they service equipment. They maintain all the equipment.

Tom Biasi presented a traffic analysis on Buffalo Lake Road, which he did on his own. The Board thanked Tom Biasi for the information.

Set date for the next Board meeting March 9, 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 – February 16, 2021

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk