

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, May 11, 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 10 others.

Agenda and Amended Agenda were 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 April 13th meeting were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #3916 through #3947. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Sarah Boles stated that the Commission recommended the short-term rental for Kins to the Board. Input was given for the upcoming meeting with Bayfield County Zoning. The Commission continues to meet as necessary.

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 Aleksander Kins and Amanda Manthey for a short-term rental to the property located at 44960 Point Road, Town of Namakagon – The Plan Commission discussed this and found the request compliant with the Comp Plan. Karl Kastrosky stated that the rental will be managed by North Country Vacation Rentals, who have a good reputation in the area. Supervisor Krueger mentioned that there is limited parking and the owners need to be informed that there should be no parking on the grass. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the recommendation to Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Special Use Permit for Aleksander Kins and Amanda Manthey for a short-term rental to the property located at 44960 Point Road, Town of Namakagon. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger, contingent upon compliance with Rental Criteria and Conditions attached. MOTION carried.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Chris & Tamera Klohn, Robinz Nest LLC for a short term rental to the property located at 44645 Bay Drive, Town of Namakagon – There was discussion on the property previously being a short-rental. There was discussion on the local contact being a town resident. Chris Klohn stated that Jill Hisdahl agreed to be the local contact. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the recommendation to Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Chris and Tamera Klohn, Robinz Nest LLC for a short-term rental to the property located at 44645 Bay Drive, Town of Namakagon, contingent upon compliance with Rental Criteria and Conditions attached. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the recommendation to Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Chris and Tamera Klohn for a short-term rental to the property located at 44655 Bay Drive, Town of Namakagon, contingent upon compliance with Rental Criteria and Conditions attached. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Discussion and possible approval of Emergency Management Plan – The Plan Commission presented the Emergency Management Plan to the board. Sarah Boles stated that the plan will need to be reviewed yearly for updates. She explained the process of putting the plan together. Supervisor Krueger stated that the plan refers to this building as an incident command center, which would imply that the Town Hall would need to have a generator. That would need to be budgeted for next year. Chairman Rasmussen stated that town equipment should include a bulldozer. Names were added to page 8. Supervisor McGregor requested that the Supervisors listed should be required to complete an entry level online course for incident command structure yearly. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the drafted Emergency Management Plan with additions. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried. The plan should supply 3 copies to the Fire Department to be distributed to the chief and the two assistants. Mary D'Andrea suggested that the updates be included in the annual town meeting yearly.

Discussion of Demolition Landfill Site – Chairman Rasmussen met with the Road Crew and state inspector who wanted to mark out boundaries at the landfill site. The Road Crew will be putting markers out to satisfy the state inspector. Supervisor McGregor stated the board may want to pursue a survey as the space is limited. It was noted that all dumping needs to be within the boundaries. If a new area was established, it would need to be a certain distance from the site.

Discussion and possible action on quotes for a new truck – Two quotes were received for the new truck; NUSS Truck & Equipment for \$119,929 with a \$22,000 trade in for a MACK truck and Mid-State Truck Service, Inc. for \$114,000 for an International Truck. There were also 2 quotes that were received for the body from Monroe Truck Equipment and Universal Truck Equipment Inc. The prices varied with options. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to accept the quote from NUSS Truck & Equipment to allow consistency with the town equipment for a price of \$119,929. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried. The Town Board did not act on the quotes for the body.

Discussion and possible action on letters regarding communication with Bayfield County Zoning – Mark Abeles-Allison requested a meeting with the Town Board. He requested agenda items from the board to be discussed at the meeting. Items were presented and will be forwarded to Mark Abeles-Allison.

Discussion and possible action on Ordinance #44 Citation Ordinance and Ordinance #22A Seasonal and Special Weight Limits – The Citation Ordinance does not include all the violations for every ordinance, however it should be inclusive of all the information, so it needs to be updated if violations are going to be pursued. The Clerk of Courts in Bayfield County was contacted and stated that the town should file the citation ordinance with them. She noted that the court dates for citations are held on Mondays at 1:30pm. If a violation occurs, the process would be to notify the Clerk of Courts to allow for due process with a court date and then issue a citation according to the citation ordinance. The board agreed that if there are violations listed

in an ordinance, there should be penalties, so it should be updated and presented at the next board meeting.

Discussion of the 2021 Bayfield County Health Infrastructure Grant – This grant is a community wellness initiative that promotes the health infrastructure of Bayfield County, its residents, and visitors. The purpose of this grant opportunity is to provide the community with assistance to create the opportunity for a better place to live by supporting infrastructure for physical activity, promoting health and wellness. Clerk Bjork presented a possible plan for the town to be considered for this grant. The plan would include replacing the picnic table, adding a swing bench and two bike racks, replacing the outdoor lighting, and adding an outdoor fitness walking path along the edge of the parking lot into the woods. The grant looks for two letters of support from community members and volunteer hours. There was discussion of asking the Fire Department, Community Club and CAMBA for help. The town insurance agent was contacted, and the insurance would have a high liability for only a few hundred dollars per year. The Town Board agreed to pursue the grant.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to Approve a Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License for Loon Patrol, LLC dba Loon Saloon, LLC, Agent Heidi Jung, 46055 East Jackson Lake Rd, Cable, WI for the premise located at 45135 County Hwy D, Cable, WI. It was noted that the Land Contract was received along with a letter from previous owners to relinquish the current license. MOTION seconded Supervisor Krueger and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve a Cigarette License for Loon Patrol, LLC dba Loon Saloon, LLC, Agent Heidi Jung, 46055 East Jackson Lake Rd, Cable, WI for the premise located at 45135 County Hwy D, Cable, WI. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Set date for Special Town Elector meeting – May 27th at 7pm after BOR to request elector approval to dispose/sell Great Divide Ambulance building.

Review Correspondence:

Request for support from CAMBA – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to support CAMBA with \$250 from Room Tax. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Request for support from Rumble on the Lake – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to support Rumble on the Lake with \$250 from Room Tax. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Supervisor Krueger stated that a concerned citizen reported violations of ATV usage. The board will send a letter to the local establishment where the incident occurred requesting them to notify ATV riders of the approved routes to help remedy the problem.

Public Comment – Mike Jacobs questioned how the board dealt with violations regarding the rental criteria for short-term rentals. Supervisor Krueger responded that the Town Board would need proof of the violation, i.e. a picture of the violation. Then a warning letter would be sent to the property owner. If there was no compliance, then the board would suspend the permit. Mike Jacobs requested that the Town Board consider adding to the criteria, ATV/UTVs remain

on trailers at all times, so it would be easier to prove a violation, since there is no direct access to the trails. There was discussion on how this would implicate a violation and if that criteria would be in compliance with state law. There was discussion on the specific Rental Criteria that a vehicle and trailer must be contained on private driveway. The intent of that criteria was to address too many people at the rental.

Steve Bollig gave an update on Trail 8 heading to Clam Lake. The club is pursuing contact with the property owner/caretaker for help in maintaining a through route. He stated that there are no easy solutions, and they will most likely need an extension from the Town Board to continue to use Buffalo Lake Road. This will be discussed in detail at the June meeting. Steve Bollig wanted to make the board aware of the current situation. This trail is a major artery for connection to other trails. The Town Board recognizes that they are working on the problem.

Set date for the next Board meeting June 8, 2021 @ 7:30pm.

Board of Review Thursday, May 27th 5pm to 7pm.

Special Town Elector Meeting Thursday, May 27th at 7pm.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk