

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Wednesday, February 9, 2022
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, Clerk Laura Bjork and 2 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 the January 12th and January 25th meeting were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes from January 12th and 25th and approve them with the correction that attendance included Supervisor Jim Krueger. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Clerk Bjork; checks approved and signed #4333 through #4381. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – No report.

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

WisDOT Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding – BIL funding is Federal funding that will be available to towns at an 80/20 match. There are two solicitations: one in January and one in February. The one in January is for construction projects only with funding to be obligated by September 30th. The Town Board discussed possibly applying for Birch Bend and using the money from Bayfield County for this project elsewhere. There was discussion about Birch Point Bridge and Garmisch Road. There is a class February 20th at 1pm. Chairman Rasmussen and Clerk Bjork will attend the class and the Town Board will move forward after more information is received.

American Rescue Plan Act Funds – The first reporting deadline is April 30th. As per the Final Rule, there is a standard allowance up to 10 million to be spent on government services. The Town Board discussed where to allocate the funds. The Town Board agreed that part of the funds will be used to purchase a generator. The rest of the funds could be used for a Fire Department high pressure unit or an ambulance for Great Divide Ambulance. The Town Board will continue to consider how to appropriate the rest of the funds.

T-Mobile Generator at Cell Tower Site – T-Mobile is applying for a permit from Bayfield County to install a generator at the cell tower. However, the generator will only be available to T-Mobile. It was noted that Bayfield County has communications on the tower and they might want to have usage of the generator. The town has paid for the structure and the base. Chairman Rasmussen will look into further.

Purchase of the Truck Box – The truck needs to be delivered to Universal before a decision can be made to find out what would fit appropriately.

Ordinance 41-D Rental Ordinance: Adjusting the Short-Term Rental Fee – A change to Ordinance 41D was made to Section VI – Statement of Policy as follows: The fee for this inspection and permit will be \$100 per year due June 1st of every year. This changes the fee from a one-time fee to a yearly fee. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve Ordinance 41-D Rental Ordinance with the changes presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Ordinance 57-22 Ordinance to regulate stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles – Ordinance 57-22 was presented as follows:

The Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. [349.13](#), Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the regulation of the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on town highways in the town as follows:

- A. The stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on the following town highways in the Town of Namakagon is subject to the following restrictions and limitations:
 - North Side of Chicago Avenue from County Hwy D to Boat Landing Road
- B. The town chairperson, or his or her designee, shall place appropriate traffic signs on the above-described highways on or before the effective date of this ordinance.*
- C. No persons may operate any vehicle on the above-noted town highways in violation of the above-noted stopping, standing, or parking restrictions and limitations. Any violation shall be subject to a forfeiture of \$25.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve Ordinance 57-22 Ordinance to regulate stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Ordinance #25A Public Nuisance Ordinance – Changes to Ordinance 25A were as follows:

Section IV: added H. “Junkyard” and J. “Loud Noise”

Section VI B, E and F. responses within 24 hours

Removed Wild Animal Areas

Added Section VI J. Placing Injurious Substances on Highway, L. Appliance, and Machinery Areas and M. Fishing, Swimming, or Jumping from Bridges

Changed some wording in Section VII A. Loud Noise Areas

Section X B. 1,2 and 4. Permits. Changed permits to be by Bayfield County with recommendation from the Town Board

Section XIII A. Penalties. Removed in default of payment section.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve Ordinance 25A Public Nuisance Ordinance as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Resolution #2022-01 Amending the 2021 Budget – Resolution 2022-01 was presented as follows:

A resolution changing the 2021 budget of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership of the Town Board under s. 65.90(5), Wis. Stat.

Whereas, as of November 15, 2021, the Fire Department Savings Account Fund has a balance of \$56,615.01.

Whereas, as of November 15, 2021, the Capital Outlay Expense Account has a deficit of \$45,900.

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

That the sum of \$45,900 is hereby transferred from the Fire Department Savings Account to the Capital Outlay Expense Account.

Whereas, as of December 31, 2021, the General Government Expense Account has a surplus of \$3,506.50.

Whereas, as of December 31, 2021, the Public Safety Expense Account has a deficit of \$1,983.07 and the Other Financial Uses Expense Account has a deficit of \$1,101.76.

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

That the sum of \$3,084.83 is hereby transferred from the General Government Expense Account as follows:

\$1,983.07 to the Public Safety Expense Account, AND
\$1,101.76 to the Other Financial Uses Expense Account.

Whereas, as of December 31, 2021, the General Checking Account has a balance of \$93,083.74.

Whereas, as of December 31, 2021, the Capital Outlay Expense Account has a deficit of \$20,095.68 and the Conservation and Development Expense Account has a deficit of \$42,969.77.

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

That the sum of \$63,065.45 is hereby transferred from the General Checking Account as follows:

\$20,095.68 to the Capital Outlay Expense Account AND
\$42,969.77 to the Conservation and Development Expense Account.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve Resolution 2022-01 Amending the 2021 Budget. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried with all being in favor.

Approve Issuance of Operator's License per application – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Operator's License as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Review Correspondence

Support for North End Classic, North End Ski Club – It was noted that the Fire Department volunteers to help with the event. The Town Board chose not to sponsor the event.

Affordable and Workforce Housing Sites, Location Inquiry – Bayfield County Housing Authority sent a letter to the town looking to identify potential affordable and workforce housing sites in the county.

Public Comment

Mary D'Andrea questioned if Ordinance 57-22 was seasonal or year-round. Ordinance 57-22 regulating stopping, standing or parking of vehicles is a year-round ordinance. Mary D'Andrea asked how other residents would request a similar application. Supervisor Krueger explained that the ordinance is already set up, so if residents want something else considered, it would need to be brought before the board, and if the board approved the application, it would be added to the ordinance.

Set date for the next Board meeting March 8, 2022 @ 7:30pm.

Plan Commission meeting, March 2, 2022 @ 7pm

Community Dinner Thursday, March 3, 2022 @ 6pm.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 8:28pm pursuant to S.19.85(1)(c) of the WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger at 8:57pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk