

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON**  
**For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, March 8, 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, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 5 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 February meeting was 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 #4382 through #4412. 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.

**Ehrman Road plowing and snowmobile route** – Andy Tischer requested that Ehrman Road be plowed in entirety from their driveway to the highway. He has had several vehicles stuck, and there is no cell service out there. Half of the road is being groomed by the snowmobile groomer, leaving only 13'3" of road clearance by his measurements. Supervisor McGregor said there were similar issues on Buffalo Lake Road. It was noted that Ehrman Road has been an established route for many years. Supervisor Krueger stated that the board should talk with the Forest Service regarding the right-of-way to see if there may be a way to make the route further on the side. Andy Tischer mentioned that he is requesting the road be plowed up to his driveway. Once passed the driveway, the route can continue as is. Chairman Rasmussen stated that the board will meet with Andy Tischer and come to an agreement on what to do. It was noted that the snowmobile routes close on April 1<sup>st</sup> or as weather permits. Considering this, the change will not happen until next year.

**Bidding for Birch Bend Road and McCann Road** – The Board agreed to bid for this project to be opened at the next board meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**County Forest Road Aid Project** – This is aid that is offered through the county for roads that have access to county forest land. Work has been done previously on Wilderness Road. There was discussion about doing ditch work on Old Grade Road. The board agreed to apply for aid for ditch work on Old Grade Road.

**WisDOT Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding and Delmore Consulting** – The board agreed to have a representative from Delmore Consulting present their service at the next board meeting. There was discussion on applying for BIL funding on Birch Bend Road (from the first funding) and Garmisch Road (from the second funding). There is a class scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Those who can attend will participate, and the board will continue to work on the feasibility of applying for these grants.

**American Rescue Plan Act Funds** – The board discussed purchasing a generator not only for the Town Hall, but for all the buildings. There was discussion on putting the lines underground and the cost involved. Supervisor McGregor will contact Don White for an estimate. Dave Haan mentioned that there are FEMA

grants available for generators for emergency shelters, which the Town Hall is considered. There was discussion on doing the project in conjunction with when the milling of the road is being done.

Dave Haan stated that the Fire Department invested \$16,000 into a high-pressure system for the new truck and \$45,900 into a truck. They also received a donation of \$1,000. There is an outstanding \$15,000, which is due on delivery in the middle of April. If the generator was purchased with funds from a FEMA grant, then ARPA funds could be used to help the Fire Department with this. Chairman Rasmussen stated that there are funds available in the Fire Department savings, which can be used for Fire Department equipment.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to appoint Laura Bjork as the Town Clerk for the term 4/2022 through 3/2025. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Jerome Malmquist and PC Rasmussen (or Sarah Boles only if PC Rasmussen does not accept the term) as Comprehensive Planning Commission members for the term 4/2022 through 3/2025.

**Review Correspondence** – None.

**Public Comment** –

Dave Haan gave an update with the Fire Department. He stated that the skid unit will be put up for sale. He asked the board how they would prefer to advertise. The board responded that it is up to the Fire Department. It was noted that the truck is a state truck, so it cannot be sold, however, the truck could go with the sale of the skid unit. It is the same with the Suburban. The board noted that the funds from the sale of the unit would go into the Fire Department savings account for future equipment purchases.

Dave Haan stated that there were some issues recently on getting through Point of View Road for service. He suggested that the specs for driveways be placed on the website and a letter be sent for non-compliance to the one that was not in compliance. It is vital that driveways are in compliance with the ordinance so emergency vehicles can access the area when needed. Please refer to the Driveway Ordinance on the website for specs to make sure your driveway is in compliance!

A FEMA grant has been applied for to purchase battery powered extrication equipment. Money was received for the installation of the dry hydrants, which was a result of a 50/50 grant.

Kathy Sill thanked Brian Pierce for the extra work clearing and plowing the roadways over the weekend!

Sarah Boles requested a “no snowmobile” sign to be placed on Namakagon Sunset and South Garden.

**Set date for the next Board meeting April 12, 2022 @ 7:30pm.**

**Plan Commission meeting, April 6, 2022 @ 7pm**

**Community Dinner Thursday, April 7, 2022 @ 6pm.**

**Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 7pm.**

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk