

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON**  
**For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, May 10, 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 3 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 April 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 #4459 through #4486. 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.

**Contract with Delmore Consulting**– The Town Board agreed to not use the service at this time. Supervisor Krueger stated that he would like to see an inventory of culverts and signs from the road crew. This will be re-visited during budget.

**Status of Email Accounts**– The town has 8 email accounts with Norvado. There are a few that are not being used; townofnamakagon, namtownshop and namfiredept. The townofnamakagon can be discontinued. The Fire Department decided to utilize theirs. The Town Board recommended that the Road Crew start utilizing their email account.

**Partnership with Bayfield County Health Department for a countywide system to control and address the issue of illegal rentals in Bayfield County** – Treasurer Skultety stated that Bayfield County Health Department runs the licensing and inspection program for all hotel, motel, and tourist rooming houses on behalf of the WI Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Trade Protection. Many local municipalities have voiced concerns with short term rentals. Bayfield County Health Department is looking to get a software platform for short term rentals to help with monitoring, compliance and enforcement. They are reaching out to municipalities to see if they would be interested in partnering with the health department to establish a countywide system to control and address the issue of illegal rentals in Bayfield Bount. More information is needed for the board to consider. Tabled until next meeting.

**Bayfield County updates for the County Comprehensive Plan** – Bayfield County has applied for WI Coastal Management Funding to update the county comprehensive plan. Bayfield County is looking for communities who are interested in partnering with the county in this project to update their plans. The Town of Namakagon has updated their plan already and are not in need of the service.

**Ordinance #34 Speed Limit Ordinance**– Supervisor Krueger stated that by State Statute the default speed limit on town roads is 55mph. If the town wants to go 10mph lower, than the county can do a study and approve. Anything lower than that has to be approved by the WI DOT. Namakagon Sunset Road is not in the town ordinance for a lower speed limit, yet it is posted at 35mph. The Town Board will research the cost of an engineer study to legally have the speed limit at 35mph. There was mention of village powers and if that had any implication in the matter.

**Town Hall Policy and Rules** – The current policy was presented. The Town Board agreed to charge a fee of \$100 for any group over 26 people or more. For Namakagon residents (below the group amount; 25 and less) the fee would be \$25 without the kitchen and \$35 with the kitchen. The deposit to cover cleaning and/or damages will be the same as the charge

as for the Town Hall. It is required that these fees be paid in separate checks so that the cleaning fee could be returned if not needed.

**Special Event Policy** – The template policy was presented. Table until next month for the board to review.

**LRIP TRI Grant for Birch Bend Road and McCann Road**– The town received funds to do Birch Bend Road and McCann Springs Road, however the actual costs are less than what the funding can cover. The Town Board is looking into adding to the project to utilize all the funding that was granted.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed David Hanks as Plan Commission member to fill a term 5/2/2021 through 4/2024.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Kristin Cooper as Election Workers for 2022-2023.

**Review Correspondence** – None.

**Public Comment** – Mary D’Andrea suggested purchasing another outside light to be put on the West side of the Town Hall. The Town Board will consider this during the next budget.

Treasurer Skultety inquired about the generator that is to be installed at the Town Hall. Supervisor McGregor stated that he has talked with two electricians for estimates. It would seem easier to purchase separate generators for each building instead of one generator for everything due to the wiring.

Treasurer Skultety mentioned that the Fish Boil is scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> with cocktails starting at 4:30pm and dinner at 6pm. Helpers are needed on Friday at 10am to help set up tables and chairs.

**Set date for the next Board meeting June 14, 2022 @ 7:30pm.**

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

**Board of Review Thursday, May 26, 2022 5pm to 7pm.**

**Road Clean-up date May 14, 2022 at 4:30pm**

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 8:40pm 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 8:41pm 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 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk