

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, July 12, 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 21 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 June monthly 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 #4539 through #4579. 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.

Pickleball Courts at the Town Hall – Jerry Jossart presented options of a pickleball court to the Town Board. It would cost approximately \$100 for striping/painting and up to \$450 per net, which the most expensive would be portable. He mentioned that it is the fastest growing sport in America. There would be a possibility of coordinating with the schools for field trips to teach students the sport. A committee was formed of Jerry Jossart, Tim Holm and Kerri Nelson to work with the board on a plan for building a pickleball court/s. The committee will meet with Chairman Rasmussen tomorrow morning to discuss plans.

Short-Term Rental Violations – Clerk Bjork stated that there was a complaint received regarding a short-term rental that had renters who were parking in the yard with their trailers and ATVs. Clerk Bjork followed through with the violation of the short-term ordinance, and called the owner of the rental, who assured the clerk that the rules to the rental were posted and informed the clerk that he would work on widening the driveway and staking the yard off so the violations would cease. Mike Jacobs stated that there were two violations, one with the parking on the yard and the other with ATV's driving on unopened roads. It was clarified that the town would address ordinance violations and the Sheriff's Department would address traffic violations. There was an inquiry on contacting the game warden for help in enforcing the ATV usage on unopened roads. Jim Shaeffer stated that the short-term rental ordinance addressed disposal of garbage. He suggested the board consider changing the wording of the ordinance to read that they "must" properly dispose of garbage rather than "should" properly dispose of garbage.

Partnership with Bayfield County Health Department for a countrywide system to control and address the issue of illegal rentals in Bayfield County –Treasurer Skultety reported that she spoke with Sara Wartman from the housing department in Bayfield County. Bayfield County was looking into adopting a program to be able to follow up on unlicensed rentals. They were inquiring if the towns would like to participate in the program and cost share. However, Bayfield County decided to purchase the program and test it out before asking the towns for cost share. They will reach out to townships at a later date.

Transfer Site and Recyclable Material Charges – Chairman Rasmussen explained that Republic Services was charging residents \$35 for mattress drop offs. The town pays Republic Services \$21 for each mattress picked up. The Town charges residents \$15 for large mattresses and \$8 for small mattresses. It is costing the town more money to get rid of them than what is being charged. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to change the price for disposing mattresses, any size, to \$25. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Special Event Policy – Changes were made from last month and presented. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to adopt the Special Events Policy. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Review Correspondence

A thank you card was received from the Children's Theater for the town's support.

A Bayfield County Ordinance Amendment was received and read. The change was to Multi-Unit Housing. Jim Shaeffer thanked Supervisor Krueger and Tom Anderson for their help in removing a dead deer from the lake.

Public Comment

Dave Haan reported that the Fire Department has the possibility of receiving three grants, all of which have a match, which would need to be budgeted if they are a recipient.

Dave Popelka gave an update on the housing coalition. Results from the housing survey are online through Bayfield County. The Chequamegon Bay was selected to be a pilot location for how we can work to develop workforce housing. They are doing research and studies on various topics.

Set date for the next Board meeting August 16, 2022 @ 7:30pm.

Plan Commission meeting, August 1, 2022 @ 7pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk