

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, August 16, 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 July 12th and July 18th 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 #4580 through #4630. 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.

ATV and UTV Route Ordinance – Supervisor Krueger stated that Sawyer County was updating their ATV/UTV Ordinance. He presented the town ATV/UTV Ordinance and discussed the differences. The board may want to consider updating their ordinance based on this information. Tabled.

Transfer Site Future Plans – Chairman Rasmussen stated that there is an issue with silt in the well. Gene Lemmenes gave an estimate of \$350 to \$500 for purging the well. Nelson Survey completed their survey of the transfer site, and the site is running out of room. This is not an urgent issue as there are many years left, however the board should consider putting together a rough plan, knowing how long it takes to get through DNR applications. Chairman Rasmussen will get in touch with the state inspector and inquire on possible new sites and also the regulations. It was noted that a plan is needed for the area that is left, so we have guidance in knowing where to dig next. Tabled for a work meeting with the Road Crew.

Town Hall Generator – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Town Hall is an emergency shelter location. A generator is needed to be able to provide shelter during emergencies. An estimate for a Generac, air cooled, ks unit was presented. The generator cost \$5,839.65, plus about \$600 in accessories, including a battery, cold weather oil warming kit and install package and generator pad. The town will need to hire an electrician for installation. The generator will need annual service, which will cost about \$100. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to purchase the generator and accessories and to contact an electrician for install with funds from ARPA. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Town Park Plans – The town received a basketball hoop as a donation to put at the Town Hall. The board agreed to accept the donation. There was discussion on putting a basketball area in the current handicap parking, as the handicap parking will be moved once the blacktop is done.

Government Email Addresses – For security purposes WTA and WEC suggested that towns switch emails to a .gov or wi.gov address. The details (domains and aliases) were discussed. Clerk Bjork will contact CCS for guidance.

Review Correspondence

Cable Area Fall Fest – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to support Fall Fest with \$300 to go towards the kids carnival from Room Tax Funds. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

DASD Back to School Picnic – The board agreed to send the request to the Namakagon Community Club.

Supervisor Krueger stated that Heather Ludzack from the Chamber has the repairs to the sign located on County M & D ready to go. She will attend the next Town Board meeting and present examples. She requested that the town supply water for the sign to be pressure washed. Dave Haan stated that would be possible with the fire hose. Supervisor McGregor stated that a resident inquired about removing one of the signs for a keepsake. The board agreed that it can be taken after it is taken down for repairs.

Supervisor Krueger stated that he received a phone call in regard to build up around the dam. The Road Crew attended to the matter already and it is taken care of.

Public Comment

Ed Hilz asked if the Community Dinners were going to start in September. The first one has a tentative date of September 8th.

Ed Hilz inquired if the town was concerned with the housing situation that was being discussed in the Town of Cable. The Town of Namakagon participated in some discussions, but it is more relevant in the Town of Cable.

Jean Ann Jacobs stated that there is a decrepit sign on Missionary Point for no hunting, no trespassing. The board agreed that it could come down and be replaced as long as the sign complies with the town ordinances for Missionary Point.

Jean Ann Jacobs stated that the Road Crew took down a tree on Missionary Point, however they left a huge mess and requested the Road Crew clean it up. The board will discuss this with the Road Crew.

Jean Ann Jacobs inquired on enforcing ordinances and the parameters of the enforcement officer. Supervisor McGregor stated that the enforcement officer cannot stop and detain for enforcement purposes. He is a Community Services Officer. He makes referrals to Bayfield County and can only enforce local ordinances. The town can create their own law enforcement; however it is extremely expensive. If the town chose to do this, a certified police officer would need to be hired. The board discussed bringing this topic up at a four towns meeting. Mike Jacobs mentioned the frustration from Bayfield County not wanting to enforce the ordinances. He inquired about enforcement of a wake ordinance. Supervisor Krueger stated that the town did not pass a wake ordinance because it is not enforceable. The Lake Assoc. advised wake boats to stay 700' from shore in their pamphlets. The town has to rely on the "good neighbor" policy to be able to get this to happen.

Set date for the next Board meeting September 13, 2022 @ 7:30pm.

Plan Commission meeting, September 12, 2022 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, September 8, 2022 @ 6pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk