

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, October 11, 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 Sept 13th, Sept 15th, Sept 29th and Oct 10th were 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 #4668 through #4700. 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.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Susan Abernathy Trust, Gail Dickrell to remove old impervious blacktop parking lot and reseed with grass located at 43255 County Hwy D, Town of Namakagon – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to recommend approval of the request to Bayfield County Zoning. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Replacing damaged Welcome Sign – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the welcome sign on Namakagon Sunset was damaged along with the telephone pole from an accident involving a stolen vehicle. Recompense for damage cannot be pursued as no information was available. The Town Board will replace the entire sign due to the damage and rotting boards.

Great Divide Ambulance Service Joint Resolution – Tabled for more information.

Bayfield County Ordinance Amendment No. 2022-10 – The Ordinance Amendment was presented. The Town Board acknowledged receipt of the amendment.

2023 Budget – The updated budget was presented. GTA estimates for 2023 were received which increased by approximately \$4,000. The Town Board agreed to put the surplus left into Road Construction since a portion of the Town Hall parking lot was included in the 2023 expenses.

Review Correspondence

Cable Natural History Museum Membership – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve \$250 support for the Cable Natural History Museum. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

ARPA Funds Survey Results – A “Use of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) in Wisconsin Communities” survey was presented. It was noted that most communities used ARPA funds for improvement on Roads/Streets. The town received approximately \$25,000 in ARPA funding, which was being spent on two generators for the Town Hall and the Fire Department/Shop building, which will allow for emergency shelters.

Chronic Wasting Disease Prevention Program – Bayfield County requested support for chronic wasting disease. The county placed 5 dumpsters throughout the county to collect deer carcass waste. The Town Board agreed not to support this program at this time.

Public Comment-

Ed Hilz suggested the Town Board discuss the Bayfield County Zoning issues at a Four Towns meeting to help bring a response from the county. The Town Board is working on setting a four towns meeting with that item on the agenda.

Joann Schultz inquired if the town had an ordinance for enforcement and how that works. Supervisor McGregor stated that the town has Ordinance 21 which encompasses the duties of the town enforcement officer. He stated concern that there might be confusion with this officer appearing to be a law enforcement officer. The enforcement officer is wearing a uniform and using lights in his vehicle which may portray a law enforcement officer. The Town Board should look into redefining the job and specify the equipment to be used. Supervisor Krueger stated that if the town chooses to hire a person to enforce ordinances, there should be a requirement for training. Supervisor McGregor noted that the training should include continuing education. He suggested changing the title to Community Service Officer with signage to reflect the position so residents are able to identify the authority. There was discussion on the town having their own law enforcement or even the four towns having combined law enforcement. The cost and time involved to have that done is huge and not feasible. It was noted that changes need to be made to protect the employee and the town.

Set date for the next Board meeting November 15, 2022 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, November 7, 2022 @ 7pm

Election Day: November 8, 2022

Public Budget meeting and Special Town Meeting, November 17, 2022 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, November 3, 2022 @ 6pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk