

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, November 15, 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 6 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 October monthly meeting and the October 13th work meeting 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 #4700 through #4745. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – No report.

Library Report – No report.

Republic Services Contract – Jim Whittinghill from Republic Services presented an updated contract. The new contract included flat rates with a limit on percentage increases per year rather than rates that fluctuate. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to accept the presented contract from Republic Services. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Sign for Fitness Path – A sign for the fitness path was presented. The board agreed to add a disclaimer notice to the sign, and then order 2 signs, one for each of the entranceways.

Ambulance Service Donation letter in taxes – Laura Bjork presented a donation letter to have the board consider mailing the letter with tax bills. An update on ambulance needs was discussed. There was discussion on the appropriate timing of the letter in tax bills. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to allow Great Divide Ambulance Service to add a donation letter in the outgoing tax bills, contingent that the majority of the other three towns do so as well. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Wisconsin Economic Development CDI Grant – Information on a Wisconsin Economic Development Grant was presented. It offered two incentives which focused on enhancing the community as an attractive place to live. It seemed that the grant was leaning toward urban areas. The board agreed that this would not be applicable for this township.

Review Correspondence

A request was received for loggers driving on Garden Lake Road, Namakagon Sunset and County Hwy M through the winter months.

An annual dinner invite was received for the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce.

Public Comment

There was discussion on the ambulance subsidies and how that affects tax bills. There was discussion on the sustainability of the ambulance service.

There was discussion on wake boats. Supervisor Krueger noted that the DNR is looking into restricting wake boats and also enforcing the restrictions. There will be DNR Public Hearings in January/February.

Set date for the next Board meeting December 14, 2022 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, December 5, 2022 @ 7pm

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

Community Dinner, December 1, 2022 @ 6pm

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to go into Closed Session at 9:01pm 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 McGregor and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger at 9:23pm 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 9:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk