

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, December 13, 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 November 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 #4746 through #4819. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Supervisor Krueger reported that the commission recommended the Short-Term Rental as it was in compliance with the plan. They discussed the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance and recommended representation at the county meeting for input.

Library Report – The library report will be posted on the website.

Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for A&A Rental LLC, Aleksandr Kins for a Short Term Rental to the property located at 45215 County Highway D, Town of Namakagon – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Short-Term Rental contingent upon Rental Criteria and Stipulations. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Cable Union Airport Resolution petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport improvement aid – The airport will be applying for federal funding for projects at the airport including developing hanger space and clearing trees. The federal government requires a resolution from the townships to be approved for funding. It also requires a Public Hearing, which has already been done. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the resolution as presented. There was discussion on the pursuance of land and the projects that are being considered. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Bayfield County Short Term Rental Ordinance – The Bayfield County Rental Ordinance is eliminating local input on Short-Term Rental applications. Supervisor Krueger stated that the county lawfully does not have to require town involvement. However, the law still allows for town influence. If the county does not include the town

in the application process, how will the town know what is going on in their township? The towns still want to have input. The Town Board agreed that they would like the process to still include town input. A letter will be written to the county and sent by January 1st to the County Board, Zoning Board and the administrator letting them know of the town views. So far, there has been little to no response to the correspondence that has been sent to the county regarding this matter. Chairman Rasmussen noted that other towns are having problems as well, and a town has sent a survey out regarding county zoning.

Redevelopment of Transfer Site landfill well – There was discussion on the DNR Inspection that was done and the correspondence from the DNR and Gene Lemmenes. The end result is that the town needs to hire an environmental consultant to redevelop the well. The town will continue to pursue the redevelopment of the well.

Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-116 Appreciation of Town, City, Village, and County Clerks and Election Workers for a smooth November 8, 2022 Election – The Town Board acknowledged receipt of the resolution.

Review Correspondence

Chairman Rasmussen stated someone has purchased the land around the Birches and would like to install pumps to sell gas. He was advised to start with the county for the permitting process.

The 75th anniversary books are available through WTA.

March 31st is the WTA Districts meeting at Lakewoods.

Public Comment

Andy Jansen stated that he received a “cease and desist” letter from the town for snowplowing on town roads. He stated that the statute the letter referred to only quoted part of the statute and the full statute was not relevant. Supervisor Krueger stated the statute should have referred to 86.07 and not 86.02. Andy Jansen questioned why he was the only person who received a letter of this sort considering the trail groomers are plowing and leaving boulders on the road. He questioned why the towns aren’t liable as well. It was noted that towns are exempt. Clay Burditt explained that the road is widened to accommodate the trail on the side. There was discussion on signage that Andy Jansen had placed on the side of the roads and the removal of the signs by the road crew. The conversation elevated and was ended by Chairman Rasmussen.

JoAnn Shultz stated that there was a nice article in the paper on the airport renovation plans.

Set date for the next Board meeting January 10, 2023 @ 7:30pm
Plan Commission meeting, January 9, 2023 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, January 9, 2023 @ 6pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk