

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Wednesday, February 15, 2023
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 7 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 January 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 #4856 through #4899. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – There was no meeting in January.

Library Report – The Library Report is posted on the website.

Walleye Habitat update from Mike D’Andrea – Mike D’Andrea gave an update on the Walleye Habitat. The work of the walleye project was successful. There have been 16 fishsticks placed. However, due to weather conditions, there are 38 projects waiting to be done. Due to the weather conditions, these projects cannot be done this year. He is hoping to do 25 of these projects next year, weather contingent. This would require \$3,500 in support from the town for the complexes in 2024. There will be a partnership with Red Cliff this year for the planting of Walleye. There will be a request for support for this project once more information is obtained. Ted Piechel is working on tree drops for additional fish habitat. Support is needed to purchase equipment for this project, approximately \$2,000. The intent is to share the cost with the lake association. The board agreed to help with the support of the project. There was discussion on the purpose & effects of fishsticks.

MOTION by Supervisor Krueger to suspend the agenda and move to #13. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Building Inspection Agreement for 2023 to 2024 – Steve Boss stated that the area has been extremely busy with building inspections. He is considering retirement, and his son is working towards taking over the business. Rates have not been raised since 2017. He increased rates according to cost of living raises since 2017. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the presented agreement. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Action to Open Sugar Bay Drive as an ATV/UTV Route and update ATV and UTV Route Ordinance if needed – Chairman Rasmussen stated that over 2/3rds of the property owners have signed a petition to open Sugar Bay Drive. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to open Sugar Bay Drive as an ATV/UTV Route and update the ordinance. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Special Event Policy – There was discussion on when to require a special event application to be filled out. The board agreed to send the Special Event Policy to Lakewoods and Rumble on the Lake for their input and possibly make effective as of June 1st.

Resolution #2023-01 2023 County Library Levy Exemption – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve Resolution #2023-01 2023 County Library Levy Exemption. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Ordinance #21 Town of Namakagon Duties of the Town Enforcement Officer Ordinance – Supervisor McGregor met with Kevin Johnson regarding the changes in the ordinance and all the changes are acceptable. There will be a change in uniform and patches and magnetic markings for identifying who he is within the town. His title will be changed to Community Services Officer, and he will be allowed to use only amber lights. There were also changes in the detail of the reports that are submitted to the town. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to adopt Ordinance #21-A Town of Namakagon Duties of the Community Services Officer. He stated concerns for uniformity in surrounding townships. He requested that the ordinance be sent to the other townships. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Ordinance #37 Town Driveway and Highway Access Ordinance – The board discussed changes on the ordinance. The board will get together with Clay Burditt at a work meeting on Friday to go through.

Redevelopment of Transfer Site landfill well – Chairman Rasmussen talked with Gene Lemmenes and Nathan Collier from the DNR for requirements for a new well and adding more space to the transfer site. William Kovaleski will be contacted to fulfill all the requirements.

Bayfield County application for 2023 Non-Metallic Mining Sites – The board agreed to apply for the yearly application.

Review Correspondence

The Clam Lake CWPP will be meeting at the Town Hall on March 1st at 6pm. The 2023 Clam Lake Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan will be reviewed. The board will be attending.

An inspection was requested for the Namekagon Dam by the DNR. Cooper Engineering will be doing the required inspection.

Public Comment

There was discussion on the Community Officer position and his job duties.
There was discussion on plowing and snowmobile trails.

Set date for the next Board meeting, March 14, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, March 6, 2023 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, March 2, 2023 @ 6pm

Election Day: February 21, 2023

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk