

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, March 14, 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, and 4 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 February 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 #4900 through #4925. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – There was no meeting in February.

Library Report – JoAnn Schultz stated that the library is continuing to look for ways to complete their expansion project. Senator Baldwin was contacted to inquire on federal funding. Chaz Green will be contacted to inquire on state funding. The library board is also considering downsizing the expansion project. There are a few programs available through the library including the Creative Bug, Transparent Language Program and a cooking program. The library is looking for volunteers. If interested, please contact the library.

Special Event Policy – no updates.

Ordinance #37 Town Driveway and Highway Access Ordinance – The Town Board met with the Road Department and changes were made to the ordinance. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the updated Town Driveway and Highway Access Ordinance. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Funding for road equipment – Supervisor McGregor and Supervisor Krueger attended the CWPP meeting for the multi-jurisdictional area to collaborate on reducing the risk of wildfires. They discussed items that needed to be updated. There may be some state or federal grant money available for purchasing a wood chipper. Inquire with Benjamin Garrett through the DNR for the availability of these grants. The transfer site takes in wood debris, so there may be money available for the transfer site as well. It may be possible that if the transfer site would need to be moved, there might be grants available.

County Forest Road Aid Project – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the aid is for 193 Wilderness Road and 191 Old Grade Road. The town has claimed maintenance for the road in the past. Chairman Rasmussen and Clerk Bjork will work on the application.

Redevelopment of Transfer Site landfill well – Chairman Rasmussen presented a proposal from Auxilium North through Bill Kovaleski. Bill Kovaleski has talked with the DNR regarding the requirements. There was discussion on the survey that was required, and Nelson Surveying had just completed a survey. The town will continue to work towards fulfilling the DNR requirements.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed James Krueger and Linda Kraft as Comprehensive Planning Commission members for the term 4/2023 through 3/2026.

Review Correspondence

A thank you card was received from North End Ski Club for the towns support. WTA meeting on March 27th.

Cable Area Chamber is making more area bags with advertisement on the bags. The Town of Namakagon will advertise on the bags again this year.

Bayfield County Approval of Ordinance Amendments were presented and acknowledged. There was discussion on bridge aid.

Chairman Rasmussen spoke with Northwoods Paving regarding Birch Bend and the parking lot, which will be worked on this spring.

Road Bans were going on from the County on Friday. The town will post their notice as well.

The install of the generators in the spring was discussed.

Public Comment

Dave Hanks asked where to find the towns list of ordinances. The town ordinances are listed on the website.

Dave Hanks requested a “hidden driveway” sign by his driveway off of County Hwy M. The town directed him to call Bob Anderson from the County Highway Department.

Mary D’Andrea asked about the width requirements of the road with all the snow accumulation. The board explained that not much can be done with the amount of snow that the town has. If the Fire Department or EMS have issues responding to a location, the town crew is called to help gain access. Chairman Rasmussen stated that the road crew is available to help clear driveways if requested by residents for a charge due to the snowfall accumulations this year.

Set date for the next Board meeting, April 11, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, April 3, 2023 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, April 6, 2023 @ 6pm

Election Day: April 4, 2023

Annual Town Meeting: April 18, 2023 7pm

Open Book (Over the Phone): April 17, 2023 2pm to 4pm

Board of Review: May 15, 2023 5pm to 7pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk