

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, April 11, 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 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 the March 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 #4926 through #4976. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Supervisor Krueger stated that the commission discussed the Short-Term Rental application and reviewed the Bayfield County Future Land Use maps. There was confusion with the maps, and they will be forwarded to the next Comp Plan meeting for review.

Library Report – Joann Schultz stated that the library is still working on the campaign launch. There was discussion on the sale of the building.

Discussion and possible action of Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Jason Lindsey, Karl Kastrosky agent, for a Short-Term Rental located at 44795 Namakagon Sunset Road, Town of Namakagon – Supervisor Krueger stated that the Comp Plan approved the recommendation contingent upon stipulations. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Class A Special Use permit request contingent upon town criteria and stipulations. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Hungry Bear 100 Event on May 13, 2023 – Clerk Bjork stated that there were two discrepancies in the application and the Special Event Policy. The policy states that ambulance service needs to be contracted with attendees over 300, and a Certificate of Insurance needs to be submitted. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Hungry Bear 100 Event, contingent upon ambulance coverage and a Certificate of Insurance. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Northland College Water Testing – Supervisor Krueger stated that he was contacted by the Mary Griggs Burke Center at the college requesting to do water testing. Northland College is taking this on as a project for the students. Three buoys will be placed out on the lake in various spots that have sensors on them for collecting data. The college will be

coordinating with the DNR on this project. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to permit Northland College to do the water testing on the lake. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Ordinance #41 Short-Term Rental Ordinance – Clerk Bjork read through the updated Short-Term Rental Ordinance and explained the changes. The Town Board finalized some of the changes, however not all of them could be finalized until Bayfield County completes their Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Bayfield County Infrastructure Grant – This grant was applied for and received in 2022 for the start of the fitness park. Clerk Bjork stated that with the funds from this 2024 grant, the town could install two more pieces of fitness equipment. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to apply for the Bayfield County Infrastructure grant to continue building the fitness park. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Special Event Policy – There was discussion on having events made aware of the Special Event Policy. The town will continue to spread awareness of the policy.

Funding for road equipment – Clerk Bjork spoke with Benjamin Garrett from the DNR. There are two grants available.

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant is a national grant that sets priorities to places that are “low income”, have “been impacted by a severe disaster”, have “high or very high wildfire hazard potential” and are “underserved” areas. The Town of Namakagon does qualify for the grant because it is a part of a CWPP and could apply for a Wood Chipper. However, the town does not qualify for any of the priorities for the grant. This would be a huge undertaking, and the town would not likely be a recipient. The Town Board decided not to pursue.

The Wildfire Risk Reduction Program is a smaller program with greater possibilities of becoming a recipient. The town qualifies for the program in being a community of concern for wildfires and being a part of a CWPP. The town already has some of the projects in place and could expand the efforts in this area. The application for the grant is not yet out. The Town Board agreed to pursue this grant when it becomes available.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads – This funding was brought to the attention of the town through the DNR for the possible work to be done on Garmisch Road. The application is currently open through July 10th. There are three training sessions that will be attended for more information.

Redevelopment of Transfer Site landfill well – Chairman Rasmussen spoke to Bill Kovaleski regarding the well replacement. He talked with Nelson Surveying for a survey of the whole property. He also spoke with Butterfield Well Drilling, and they have access to a geologist for the DNR requirements of digging the new well. The process is moving forward.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Arlene Skultety as Town Treasurer for a three-year term from April 2023 through March 2026.

Review Correspondence

A Rumble on the Lake sponsorship request was received. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to sponsor Rumble on the Lake with \$250 taken from Room Tax funds. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Public Comment

There was discussion on the postings for Road Clean Up. Treasurer Skultety is sending out letters. It will be posted on the website and sent to the email list.

There was discussion on the details of the Garmisch Road project, cutting hills and reconstruction.

There was discussion on who is responsible for mailbox damage. Mailboxes are replaced by the town if the town damages the mailbox.

Set date for the next Board meeting, May 9, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, May 1, 2023 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, May 4, 2023 @ 6pm

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

Road Clean Up: May 20, 2023 4:30pm Dumpster will be back by the quansit

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 8:55pm 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 Krueger and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger at 9:02pm 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 9:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk