

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, May 16, 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 9 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 April monthly 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 #4977 through #5014. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Supervisor Krueger stated that there was a joint meeting with the town board, and they went through the request from Bayfield County regarding the map for future land use. The changes were sent to Bayfield County, and there has been correspondence with Bayfield County on the changes.

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

Chequamegon 100 Event June 17, 2023 – Gerry Wright talked about the specifics of the event which will involve about 150 people. A portable toilet will be located at the Town Hall. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Special Event Permit for the Chequamegon 100 event. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Epic Bike Fest Event June 11, 2023 – Grace Hoins discussed the race route. They will be utilizing gravel roads and directional signs will be going up. Bayfield County will be helping with road crossings. The Birkie medical crew will be there. Great Divide will be contracted for any emergencies. They will also have a porta potty at the Town Hall. Disposal of garbage will be offsite. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Special Event Permit for the Epic Bike Fest event. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Addition of ATV Route on Dodd Drive – A petition was submitted by residents on Dodd Drive to open Dodd Drive for ATV access. There are 13 property owners on Dodd Drive. There were 13 signatures in support of opening the road. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to add Dodd Drive to the ATV Routes and update the ATV Ordinance as needed. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to suspend the agenda and move to item #11.
MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Rumble on the Lake Event – Cookie Skultety discussed the route. The event will be held on June 3rd. There will be a band, and they will be done by 10pm. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Special Event for Rumble on the Lake. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Generator Updates – Supervisor McGregor explained that the prepping for the Fire Department and shop generators is complete. The Town Hall needs assistance from the electrician on location, and the other two are just waiting on the electrician for hook ups.

Redevelopment of Transfer Site landfill well – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the DNR is requesting compliance on the wells at the transfer site. Cedar Corp gave a proposal with their own well driller to use of \$8,520. An accurate survey of the property will need to be done as well, so the cost will be a bit more than that. There are still more quotes in the process, so this item is tabled for more information.

Appointment of Plan Commission member to fill an existing term thru April 2024 – Tabled.

Review Correspondence

Supervisor Krueger stated that Northland College will be doing analysis of the water in the lake in three locations with placement of buoys. The buoys will be lit. They have electronics on them that ties in with a satellite for the analysis. There will be a presentation on the project at the Lake Association meeting on Saturday, May 20th at 9am.

There was discussion on the status of milfoil in the lakes. Supervisor Krueger stated that there is not much milfoil, as last year took care of most of it. There are three spots that have just a little, and Blue Gill Bay has a lot, but there is such shallow water there that the DNR prefers to leave it. If it spreads, then there might be a need to treat the area.

CAMBA Sponsorship – MOTION made by Supervisor Kreuger to sponsor CAMBA with \$250 from room tax funds. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

CNHM letter was received to introduce the new museum director Richard Jaworski. An Open House for the new exhibit “The Northwoods Rocks” will be Saturday, May 27th @ 10am.

The Fire Department Pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 28th from 8am to noon.

Pickleball Court Locations – Kathy Sill stated that the pickleball group are requesting two pickleball courts by the Quonset, and one between the fire hall and the town garage, because if it's windy, it is a protected area. MOTION made by Supervisor Kruger to allow three pickleball courts to be set up as requested. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Public Comment

Kathy Sill stated the forest service will be doing a burn off of FR203 on Wednesday, May 17th.

The Fire Department Pancake breakfast that is held on May 28th from 8am to noon allows the Fire Department to purchase new equipment i.e., extrication equipment.

The Fire Department Annual Open House will be held on June 10th from 8am to noon. There will be fire extinguisher servicing, and a drawing for a free fire extinguisher.

Set date for the next Board meeting, June 13, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, June 5, 2023 @ 7pm

Road Clean Up: May 20, 2023 – 4:30 cocktails and 6pm fish boil.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 8:33pm 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.

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MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger at 8:52pm 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 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk