

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, June 13, 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 8 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 May 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 #5015 through #5055. Town Financials are available to the public upon request to the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – No report.

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

Addition of ATV/UTV Route to Ordinance # 32 on Missionary Point Drive from the Town line to 21380 Missionary Point Drive – A petition was submitted by Mike Stampfli. There were questions on the route that was being requested to be open. Supervisor Krueger stated that there are only four signatures, and they are electronic signatures, which do not qualify as signatures. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to table the petition for clarification. The petitioner is being requested to be at the Town Board meeting to be able to answer questions. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor. It was noted that property owners need to be located on the route to be considered on a petition. It was also noted that there is no control given to the township for the number of rentals within the township. MOTION carried.

Consideration of a site host for Electric Vehicle charging equipment – Chairman Rasmussen received a letter from Bayfield County petitioning for a host for electric vehicle charging stations via a grant. There was discussion on where they could be located. The first 5 years of maintenance would be included. The county needs an estimated cost as the grant is due June 13th. Supervisor Krueger noted that the Birkie has two already at their start and they will be adding more at the old Telemark site. Supervisor McGregor noted that there is one at Clam Lake Junction. Supervisor McGregor mentioned that there are effects of having these charging stations for the Fire Department. The service will need to be up on skills to deal with these if the town has them. There are chemical reactions that need to be considered. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to support the electric vehicle charging stations within the township. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Bayfield County Infrastructure Grant – Clerk Bjork stated that the town was awarded a grant of \$5,000 from Bayfield County. This is a matching grant with funds from the town. There was discussion on the equipment to add to the fitness park. The town will continue to press forward with the purchase of additional equipment.

Accessible Voting Equipment Subgrant – A grant is being offered of \$750 for the Express Vote Machine which costs \$4,155. The machine is not connected to the internet. The county sends a USB to be downloaded into the machine each election, and the machine counts ballots. However, the town did not budget for this expense. It is not needed but would be a great addition for elections. The Town Board decided not to apply for the grant as the expense is not budgeted, but it would be considered for next year's budget.

Generator Updates – Supervisor McGregor stated that the electrician has been at the Town Hall working on installation of the generators. The work continues to be in progress.

Redevelopment of Transfer Site landfill well – Chairman Rasmussen stated that he spoke with Cedar Corporation who can get the well work done by the end of the month. An agreement was presented with costs for the well driller at \$5,645 and analyzation at \$2,875 for a total cost of \$7,520. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to accept the agreement from Cedar Corp for the new well at the Transfer Site. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Approval of Liquor License applications and respective agents as published – Nine applications were received for a Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License: The Lakewoods, Inc., Forest Ridges Golf Course, Back of House, LLC, Garmisch Inn, LLC, Cable Lodge, The Evergreen Tavern, LLC, Hank's Landing, Loon Saloon and Four Seasons. There are two outstanding licenses as the town has 11 licenses available. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the liquor license applications as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Approval of Cigarette Licenses per application – Four applications were received: Garmisch Inn, LLC, Loon Patrol, LLC, Four Seasons and Forest Ridges Golf Course. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the Cigarette Licenses as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Approve Issuance of Operator's License per applications – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to allow the Town Clerk to issue operator licenses contingent upon state requirements. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

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

Chairman Rasmussen appointed JoAnne Schultz as Library Board member for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026.

Review Correspondence

A flyer for Norvado IT support was presented. The board was not interested at this time.

Public Comment

Mike Jacobs inquired if the Town Crew would be out with the sweeper to clean up the roads from the winter. The board stated that the Road Crew has been out and will continue to sweep roads.

Jean Jacobs asked how the board determines what signatures are needed on ATV/UTV petitions. Supervisor Krueger stated that the signatures needed on a petition would be for all property owners along the route.

Mary D'Andrea stated the Cable Namakagon Historical Museum is open for the summer season. The museum is located in Cable across from Cable Lumber and Home and next door to the laundromat. One of the new exhibits will be of interest to residents and visitors of Namakagon. Lake maps identify 52 historic resorts on Lake Namakagon, Garden, Cranberry, Crystal, Diamond, Jackson, and Little Bass. Visit the museum and check it out!

Jean Jacobs asked if, by chance, the route is open on Missionary Point Road, will there be speed limit signs posted? The Town Board stated that the ATV/UTV's will need to obey the 25mph signs that are already posted.

There was discussion of property owners accessing an ATV/UTV route without a route open to their location. There is no access unless there is a route. It was noted that the Community Services Officer does not have authority to enforce.

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

Plan Commission meeting, July 10, 2023 @ 7pm

Town Board meeting, Friday, June 16, 2023 @ 3pm

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 8:50pm 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 8:57pm 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 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk