

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, July 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 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 June monthly meeting and work 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 #5056 through #5104. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from 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. Chairman Rasmussen went out and viewed the properties on the route. He spoke with the people on the petition and verified their support or opposition. The petition had six properties listed with five out of the six supporting the petition. However, after discussion, the portion of road that is being considered has ten properties on it. The missing properties were 23165, 23215, 23188 and Lot 29. It was communicated that these four unlisted properties do not support the petition. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to deny the petition because it does not meet the 2/3rd's support in signatures. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried. Supervisor Krueger noted that the local contact person will be the person to contact at all times as it is stated in the ordinance. There was discussion on partial roads being opened. It was noted that Dodd Drive and Namakagon Sunset are partial roads that have been opened. All routes that end have a sign indicating the route ends. Supervisor Krueger noted that the state will not allow access to routes, so roads need to be opened to access routes. It was added that the Namakagon Sunset Road route ends at a private road.

Assessor Contract for 2024 – The Town Clerk was notified by Associated Appraisal that they will no longer be continuing their contract with the town. Five local assessors were contacted (Steve Nordquist, Douglas Kurtzweil, Michael Schnautz, North WI Assessment Service and William Metzinger) for quotes. One quote was received from

North WI Assessment Service with a cost of \$8,000 for 2024 with an annual software cost of \$350 and expenses not to exceed \$500. The other four declined the opportunity to quote as they were not taking on any new clients. A list of area assessors was presented to the board. Supervisor McGregor requested that Perri Campbell from North WI Assessment Service attend the next board meeting to be able to meet with the board and present a contract. He also suggested contacting the current assessor for a reference for Perri Campbell. The board noted they were very interested in contracting with this company but need a bit more information.

Update on road projects – Clerk Bjork stated that the request for reimbursement for Birch Bend Road, McCann Springs Road and Crystal Lake Road has been submitted. Since the road crew did a lot of the prep work, there were changes in the total cost, which affected the reimbursement amounts. The total amount of requests for reimbursement are as follows: Birch Bend Road \$39,846.91 leaving \$15,403.09 of leftover funds and McCann Springs Road \$4,471.29 leaving \$5,278.71 of leftover funds. Crystal Lake Road cost was over \$90,000 with reimbursement funds of only \$16,714.11. The county and state were contacted to inquire if the leftover funds could be appropriated towards the Crystal Lake Road project. Because of the time frame, it was sketchy if that could happen. The request was submitted, but until the town is notified, the result is not known. If the funds are not able to be appropriated towards Crystal Lake Road, then the town will have a few years to use those funds, so it is not wasted. Jim Shaeffer noted that the shoulders on Missionary Point are in need of work and wondered if the town crew would be able to address this. Supervisor Krueger explained that the road crew has a list of projects currently to get done, before taking on any new ones.

Generator Updates – Supervisor McGregor stated that the Generator at the Fire Department is online. The Generator at the town hall is wired and installed. It needs gas and will continue to be worked on.

Redevelopment of Transfer Site landfill well – Chairman Rasmussen stated a new well was installed at the transfer site. There are a few more requirements that need to be taken care of, and the town will continue to work on those.

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

Review Correspondence

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to support the Chequamegon Children's Theatre with \$100 from Room Tax funds. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Information on County Bridge Aid was received. The clerk will look into the aid and find out if the town qualifies for this.

Public Comment

Mike Jacobs researched other area towns ATV/UTV Ordinances, and he noticed that Bayfield County had an interesting section on suspension and revocation. He presented the ordinance to the board. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the comp plan will address it at their next meeting.

Kathy Sill noted that the road by the bridge on County Hwy D is breaking up. Chairman Rasmussen stated Bayfield County needs to be notified as it a county road.

Set date for the next Board meeting, August 8, 2023 @ 7:30pm
Plan Commission meeting, August 7, 2023 @ 7pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk