

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON**  
**For - TOWN BOARD MEETING—Thursday, January 25, 2024**  
**At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 1pm**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 1pm. Present were Chairman Rasmussen, Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Clerk Bjork and 3 others.

**Discussion of Road Projects** – There was discussion on this year’s projects, including Garmisch Rd from here to Short Rd and re-graveling Rock Lake Road #207. The Forest Service is willing to provide the gravel; we would haul it. Next year, ARIP funds might be available for Dam Rd from #1730 to M. If this funding is approved, the road would be brought to a thickness to handle the heavy truck loads; it would no longer be a weight restricted road. If it is not approved there would be maintenance done, but it would stay a weight restricted road and then Circle Drive, Bay Drive, Mill Road and Bear Point would need to get done first so that Dam Rd would not get damaged from the heavy trucks. The Town Road Improvement Plan for 2022-2027 was discussed and re-done.

**Five-year Equipment Replacement Plan** – Dave Haan, Fire Chief, stated that next year the Fire Department will need to replace the 1986 Tender Truck. The cost for replacement is \$438,575. There was discussion on equipment and the need for replacement. The grader is 24 years old and will cost about \$485,000 for replacement. The mower tractor needs to be replaced and costs about \$230,000 for replacement. The board agreed that if the town gets funding for Garmisch, that project will get done, but if not, the money goes towards the mower tractor. There was discussion on a woodchipper. It was agreed to rent from Bayfield County because their rate is good. The second priority is a grader. There was discussion on a future loan for the grader and if that would be an option. When interest rates start dropping, this is a definite possibility. Clay Burditt will get specs and bring them to the board. It was noted the backhoe, and the loader is 2004. There was discussion on the new requirement for inventory on bridges and culverts. The board agreed to do the inventory in house.

**Transfer Site Operations** – There was discussion on the need to bail at the transfer site for the new footprint. There was discussion on the charges incurred this year for renting equipment and the cost of renting equipment for a month, which would cost \$4,000. More information is needed for a decision. It was noted that we need to make sure we stay within our boundaries at the transfer site. Supervisor Krueger stated that we need to look ahead at a 5-year plan, which includes looking for another site. Nelson Surveying needs to come and survey the whole property. There might be a section far enough away to be considered (on the hillside). If we stay the same and are less than 50,000 cubic yards, we do not need a bladder or clay liner. After getting the survey done, there needs to be some discussion with the DNR representative. Chairman Rasmussen and Supervisor Krueger talked with the transfer attendant about non-residents using the transfer site, which has increased since Thompsons shut down. There was discussion about the gate remaining closed and having people wait until their load can be checked. There was

discussion on the forms being used at the transfer site and possibly updating. There was discussion on the fees at the transfer site.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 2:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk