

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON**  
**For - TOWN BOARD MEETING—Monday, July 29, 2024**  
**At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 1pm**  
**MINUTES**

Supervisor McGregor called the meeting to order at 1:06pm. Present were Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Bjork and Sue Rosa.

**Resolution No. 2024-03 per s.82.08 of Wis. Stats. for the Construction of a Culvert –** A petition and resolution were presented for County Bridge Aid on Ghost Creek Road for Culvert replacement. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the petition and Resolution No. 2024-03 for the Construction of a Culvert. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried

**Letter to Bayfield County Zoning communicating intentions to actively work with four towns to research and pursue establishing their own zoning jurisdiction –** Supervisor Krueger stated that the Town of Barnes wants to join the towns in pursuing a joint zoning jurisdiction. A letter was presented from Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Department that informed the town on how the county is addressing the concerns that the towns have. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the letter presented from the four towns to Bayfield County Board that communicates the intent to actively work together with the four towns to research and pursue establishing their own zoning jurisdiction. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried. There was discussion with Sue Rosa regarding the issues that have been ongoing for years with Bayfield County Zoning. Supervisor Krueger stated that if the county streamlines permit issuance as stated in their letter, it would help the situation, however, the letter does not address many of the issues that have happened in the past. The town has inquired about many issues that arise, but the county does not address them. The Short-Term Rental procedures had worked well, but the county changed the procedure, and now they are bypassing the towns. The problems started when the occupancy changed from being determined by the number of bedrooms to the size of the septic system. The county hired Desi Niewinski to handle the Short-Term Rentals and they are amending the ordinance, which may help the situation. Several specific issues were discussed that had been problems. In order to fix the zoning issues, the towns cannot be bypassed. There needs to be communication between zoning and the towns so we are on the same page. Also, there needs to be care for residents in helping them through the process for whatever request goes before zoning. Zoning should always consider town input and accommodate residents to help them through whatever process is being pursued. Permits should be processed timely. Also, the increased cost for permits has had a negative impact.

**Outdoor Privy at the Town Hall –** Tabled for more information that the board was waiting for.

Supervisor McGregor adjourned at 2:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk