

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Wednesday, November 12, 2024
At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Chairman Robert Rasmussen, Supervisors Jack McGregor and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 4 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 monthly meeting and work meeting were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #5708 through #5749. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Dave Hanks reported the commission is continuing to go through the Comp Plan. There was discussion on the walking/biking/recreation trail and plans were made to have a meeting for public input on December 9th at 7pm.

Library Report – The library report will be posted on the website.

Great Divide Ambulance Report – Clerk Bjork reported that the service has hired two EMTs, and there is employment interest from a Paramedic as well as another EMT. Rob Puls gave his official retirement notice as Compliance Officer as of December 15th. The board met and in-house hired a Compliance Officer to take over this position. The service continues to have billing issues, and will continue to look into. The 2024 budget looks financially on target.

Open bids for Outdoor Privy – No bids were received. Tabled until next month.

Fuel contract – The highway fuel tank ran empty for the second time, and Midland was not aware. It was noted that the Fire Department uses this fuel as well as the highway department. There was discussion on purchasing a specific off-road fuel tank (no tax would be charged) so that the motor fuel tax refund would not need to be filed. MOTION by Supervisor Krueger to switch to Heinz for diesel fuel. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried. The LP contract will be considered next month.

Abandonment of Mill Road – Patrick Gaughan was in favor of abandoning the road after receiving a letter of inquiry from the town. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to start the process of abandoning Mill Road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Abandonment of Garmisch Landing – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to start the process of abandoning Garmisch Landing. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Bayfield County Zoning – The county is having a public hearing in Cable regarding the re-write of the county zoning ordinances on November 27th. An official notice will be going out soon. The

meeting of the four towns had an impact on the county regarding the concerns with zoning. Tabled.

Future Development of Transfer Site – The Road Crew was working on cleaning up the site. Chairman Rasmussen will meet with DNR after clean-up is done to discuss a future site with the DNR representative.

Walking/Biking/Recreation Trail – Supervisor Krueger stated Jon Schubbe has met with the Forest Service and the DNR. He has a rough idea of where the trail could go. Next step will be an open forum meeting for public input on the trail (December 9th at 7pm). This project is still in the planning stages. The Forest Service indicated it may take up to 5 years for them to establish their recommendations.

Replacement of Tables at the Town Hall – The board is not interested at this time in replacing the tables.

Review Correspondence

North End Ski Club Sponsorship – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to support North End Ski Club with \$125 from Room Tax Funds. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Jack Attack Show Choir Sponsorship – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to support the Jack Attack Show Choir with \$100 from Room Tax Funds. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Supervisor Krueger stated that the Chicago Ave boat landing needs repair.

Namakagon Trail Groomers sent a request for support. The board donated signs last year which helped raise funds, and the town upgraded the internet service this past year to support the Namakagon Trail Groomers.

Rob Puls had concerns with Oak Ridge Drive as there was an ambulance call out there, and the road is in horrible condition and needs maintenance. Chairman Rasmussen will look into, and a letter of concern will be sent out to the association.

Paul Bryant Fisher emailed an inquiry on keeping an RV unit on property within the township. An RV cannot be permanently placed property according to the Town of Namakagon Mobile Home Overlay. It was noted that an RV is limited to be on property for 90 days out of the 365 days of the year.

Public Comment –

Carol McGregor stated that the Fire Dept outside lights need maintenance.

Mary D’Andrea suggested including graphics in the notice for the public input meeting on the walking/biking/recreation trail.

Set date for the next Board meeting, December 10, 2024 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, January 6, 2025 @ 7pm

Community Dinner Thursday, December 5, 2024 @ 6pm

Public Budget Hearing, Thursday, November 14, 2024

December 9, 2024 @ 7pm Public Input Meeting for walking/biking/recreation trail

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk