

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, January 14, 2025
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 1 other.

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 was 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 #5812 through #5861. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – The last meeting was a public input meeting on the recreation trail.

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

Great Divide Ambulance Report – Laura Bjork reported that the service has hired three EMTs and two Paramedics. A meeting is set for Friday to discuss the ambulance resolution, by-laws and job descriptions for conformity and accountability.

Open bids for Outdoor Privy – Two bids were received from one company, Huffcut, at \$36,000 for a double stall and \$22,900 for a single stall. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to accept the bid on the two-stall bathroom for \$36,000, with contingency on the usage of their crane. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Ordinance #31 Town of Namakagon Sign Overlay – Supervisor Krueger stated that the ordinance adopted by the county only says “restricted” not “banned”. Since Bayfield County is doing a re-write, we will request them to change the wording on their overlay.

Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant – Clerk Bjork stated that the town was approved for the application of the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant of \$15,000.

Innovation Grant – Project examples were presented to the board for the Innovation Grant. The Town of Cable is applying to consolidate Fire Department services. It was noted that there must be a cost savings in order to receive the implementation grant. The Town Board will not be applying for any other project than what the Town of Cable is applying for.

Road Crew Uniforms – The uniforms were presented to the Town Board.

Bayfield County Zoning – There is a meeting on January 29th at the Cable Community Centre at 9am to address the Bayfield County Zoning re-write.

Future Development of Transfer Site – Tabled.

Walking/Biking/Recreation Trail – Supervisor Krueger reported that Jon Schubbe presented an initial plan for the project at the Public Input meeting on January 6th. The next step is to get the go ahead with the Forest Service. There is a grant available from the county for widening a road for a walking/biking path that could possibly fit for a trail along County Highway D. More information is needed. Grants are being looked into for the presented project with concentration on County Highway M.

Review Correspondence

Cable/Namakagon History Museum Membership – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve membership of \$250 for the Cable/Namakagon History Museum. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Cable Natural History Museum Membership – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve membership of \$250 for the Cable Natural History Museum. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Cable Community Farm Support – No support given.

The Town of Namakagon Trail Groomers sent a thank you to the Town Board for their support.

Public Comment –

Sue Rosa stated that the Town of Cable Planning and Zoning Committee is going to vote on Thursday on Telemark hills. Some people have voiced concerns about the plots needing their own well and septic considering the capacity that is available. However, the DNR has stated there is no problem.

Mary D’Andrea stated the Cable/Namakagon History Museum is across the street from the Lumber yard and is in the last brick building in the Town of Cable. It is open from Memorial Day through September on weekends. There are hours in the winter upon request. There is an exhibit that gives a history of all the resorts in Namakagon and Owen and is very popular. It was mentioned to have a presentation at the Community Club this Spring.

Set date for the next Board meeting, February 11, 2025 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, February 3, 2025 @ 7pm

Community Dinner Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 6pm

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 9:09pm 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 9:46pm 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 9:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk

UNAPPROVED