

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday, May 13, 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 16 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 April monthly 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 #5934 through #6002. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to suspend the agenda and move to item #8. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Power of Attorney for Forest Lodge Library – Carl Lippert stated that the Town of Namakagon and the Town of Cable own the Forest Lodge Library. A land use permit requires either the landowner's signature or an agent's via Power of Attorney. The agent for the library would be Thomas Westlund, the architect for the new building project. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve Thomas Westlund to represent the towns as the agent for the Power of Attorney, specifically for permits for the construction of the Forest Lodge Library. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Dave Hanks reported that the county requested a review of their zoning districts, which was done by the commission and submitted to the county. There were some changes made and also some inquiries. The commission is working on a letter to the county to consider a speed reduction on County Hwy M from FR203 to Dam Road and also pedestrian crossings at Loon Saloon and PlayMor.

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

Great Divide Ambulance Report – Laura Bjork reported that the service hired two more employees. There is a Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program that has opened through DHS, and the service will be a part of this program. Rob Puls retired as of May 19, 2025.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to suspend the agenda and move to item #14. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Resolution 2025-05 Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service to Rob Puls – The resolution was read and presented to Rob Puls.

Resolution 2025-05
Honoring the Distinguished Service by Rob Puls to the

people of the Town of Namakagon

Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County

WHEREAS, Rob Puls has always been mindful of the interests of the community and has worked tirelessly to advance Great Divide Ambulance Service;

WHEREAS, Rob Puls was dedicated to providing the highest level of emergency medical care and transportation services to the people of the Town of Namakagon;

WHEREAS, Rob Puls was instrumental through his leadership lobbying at the State level for changes in the law to bring Critical Care Emergency Ambulance Service to the Town of Namakagon through Great Divide Ambulance Service;

WHEREAS, Rob Puls through his leadership, professional standards and strong work ethic was a pioneer in bringing cost effective Critical Care Paramedic Service and Interhospital Transport to the Town of Namakagon and surrounding area in NW Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Rob Puls has faithfully and with honor, integrity and great distinction administered Great Divide Ambulance Service for over 26 years providing the highest standard of care to the people of the Town of Namakagon;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon expresses the profound appreciation of the distinguished service for over 26 years by Rob Puls;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary, appropriate or advisable to implement this resolution and such actions are hereby ratified; and

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Town of Namakagon is comprised of three members, of whom three, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed and convened, and held this 13th day of May, 2025 and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of three members, and opposed by zero members, and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the Minute Book and is in full force and effect.

Wake Boat Ordinance – Tomi Backlund stated that she went to a meeting of the Northwest Lakes last Spring and this topic was discussed. She noted that enforcement would be a recreation specialist, which is part of the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Krueger stated that the board has discussed this topic for years. He noted that there is information on wake boats in the Namakagon Lakes Association flyer. The problem with an ordinance is enforcing the ordinance. There was discussion on enforcement of such an ordinance. There was concern with other boats making the same wake and not being addressed the same way as the wake boats if an ordinance was created. The town could consider hiring a law enforcer, but it is expensive. Supervisor McGregor stated that the town currently is looking for voluntary compliance through education. Hayward has a wake ordinance, but they have their own boat and law enforcement for it. There was further

discussion on enforcement and issuing citations. It was noted that there are grant funds available. There was discussion on trying to change legislation by interacting with State Representatives on the matter.

Microsoft 365; One Drive Storage – The board agreed to purchase an upgrade to Microsoft 365.

Pickleball Panels – Kerri Nelson had requested the board consider purchasing some panels for ball control on the pickleball courts. The board agreed to purchase one and if it works well, the town would purchase 2 more with funds taken from park savings.

Resolution 2025-04 to discontinue Mill Road – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve Resolution 2025-04 to discontinue Mill Road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

***Resolution to Discontinue Mill Road
Resolution 2025-04***

The following statutes affect this form: s. 82.12, Wis.stats.

*STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Namakagon
Bayfield County*

Upon a resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, for discontinuing a highway, as set forth in Resolution 2025-02, the undersigned, supervisors of the town, met on March 11, 2025, at 7:30pm at the Namakagon Town Hall, being the time and place stated in the notice that was prepared in accordance with s. 82.10 (3), Wis. stats., and served and posted as required by s.82.10 (4), Wis. stats., as demonstrated by affidavits that the notices required in s.82.10 (4), Wis. stats., had been properly given and published, and a lis pendens having been filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Bayfield County, Wisconsin, as required by s.82.10 (5), Wis. stats., we examined the highway, and heard all reasons that were offered for and against the resolution.

It being our opinion that the public good will be promoted, the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, by this resolution, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, resolves and orders that a highway in the town be discontinued as follows:

Mill Road described below in the SW SE of Sec. 3, T43N, R06W, Town of Namakagon:

- (1) Lot One (1) of Certified Survey Map Number 295 in Volume 3 on Pages 98-100 as Document Number 330684.*
- (2) Lot Three (3) of Certified Survey Map Number 866 in Volume 6 on Page 11 as Document Number 417741.*
- (3) Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Certified Survey Map Number 1007 in Volume 6 Pages 300-301 as Document Number 443325.*

- (4) Lot Four (4) of Certified Survey Map Number 1084 in Volume 7 on Pages 29-30 as Document Number 456426.
- (5) Government Lot Five (3), Section (3) Township Forty-three (43), Range Six (6) West.
- (6) Government Lot Five (5), Section (3) Township Forty-three (43), Range Six (6) West.

A survey is determined to be unnecessary.

The town chair and town clerk shall immediately execute an original recordable Highway Order in the name of the Town discontinuing the above-described highway. The clerk shall submit the original executed order for recording in the office of the Register of Deeds for Bayfield County, Wisconsin, and shall submit a certified copy of this order to the county highway commissioner.

Resolution 2025-03 to discontinue Garmisch Landing Road – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve Resolution 2025-03 to discontinue Garmisch Landing Road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

***Resolution to Discontinue Garmisch Landing Road
Resolution 2025-03***

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Garmisch Landing Road described in NE NE Sec. 22, T43N, R06W in Tax ID 24825, Town of Namakagon.

A survey is determined to be unnecessary.

The town chair and town clerk shall immediately execute an original recordable Highway Order in the name of the Town discontinuing the above-described highway. The clerk shall submit the original executed order for recording in the office of the Register of Deeds for Bayfield County, Wisconsin, and shall submit a certified copy of this order to the county highway commissioner.

Bayfield County Zoning – Tabled until July.

Future Development of Transfer Site – Chairman Rasmussen state that the town is running out of area for the transfer site. The town needs to look for an area to be developed for a new transfer site. The property has been surveyed and there are ongoing discussions with the DNR. A meeting needs to be planned with the DNR to proceed.

Review Correspondence

Trash accumulation at 23188 Missionary Point Circle – There was a complaint from a resident about trash build up on some property on Missionary Point Circle. The board agreed to send a letter to the property owner and request that it be cleaned up.

CNHM Letter from JoAnn Cleary – The letter was acknowledged.

Public Comment

There was continued discussion on Wake Boats. There was discussion on the trash build up on Garden Lake Road; the Town Board has addressed the issue. There was discussion on the cell tower, but no updates are available at this time.

Date for Road Inspection – Monday, May 19, 2025 at Noon.

Set date for the next Board meeting, June 10, 2025 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, June 2, 2025 @ 7pm

Board of Review, May 19, 2025 @ 4pm to 6pm

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 9:03pm 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 McGregor at 9:20pm to reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 9:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk