

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday November 11, 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 7 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.

MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes from October 14th and 21st and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #6133 through #6162. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – No report.

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

Great Divide Ambulance Report – Supervisor McGregor reported their last meeting was October 28th. The service has hired more employees but is still in need of more. The activity is a bit slower than previously. The service is still on track for their 2025 budget.

Pedestrian Crosswalks on County Hwy D by Loon Saloon, Yellow Dog and Pla-Mor – The Plan Commission presented a letter to the board to request these crosswalks and to install boat landing signage for both north and south bound traffic at 43775 to the county. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to request the pedestrian crosswalks and boat landing signage to the County Highway Dept. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Cell Tower; Request for ADLS (Aircraft Detection Lighting System) Lighting – Clerk Bjork stated that a request for ADLS (Aircraft Detection lighting System) was submitted to Karl Gerber, Site Development Agent for Buell Consulting, Inc. and Greg Thompson and Tracy Crittendon with K2 Towers. The response was that the FAA directs K2 Towers which lighting is needed; it is not a choice. The requirements are issued in the FAA/FCC Lighting Requirements. Verizon has nothing to do with the lighting or construction of the tower extension; they are just a carrier leasing tower and ground space from K2 Towers. The determination from the FAA was forwarded from K2 Towers. As a condition to the determination, it is stated that the structure is to be marked/lighted in accordance with FAA Advisory circular 79/7460-1 M Change 1, Obstruction Marking and Lighting, a med-dual system-Chapters 4,8(M-Dual)&15. The terminology in the determination is confusing, but the determination from the FAA has already been done and submitted to K2 Towers.

Review of Town Insurance through Rural Mutual – The current values of properties under the town insurance were reviewed and updated.

Transfer Site Electronics Recycling through COM2Recucling Solutions – The board looked at information to provide free electronic recycling at the transfer site through COM2Recycling

Solutions. The town would need to register as an E-Cycle Wisconsin Collector if they offered this recycling. The board requested more information from the Town of Fifield as a reference.

Transfer Site, new site for the future – Chairman Rasmussen stated the town met with the rep from the DNR at the transfer site. A new site would cost approximately \$1,000,000. Supervisor McGregor stated the town needs to pursue the cost and timeframe for a new site and then look at alternatives and weigh the options. Supervisor Krueger stated a survey is needed, marking where the options would be for a new site. If it is feasible the public should then be made aware and allowed the choice of whether to pursue a new site. There was discussion on limiting commercial dumping and only keeping the landfill for residents. There are other landfills in Iron River, Sarona and one towards Hurley. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to get a survey done with required measurements of the entire site. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Bayfield County Zoning – Supervisor Krueger stated that a builder in the area complained about the county permit cost which was over \$4,800. The same permit in Sawyer count is \$1,500. The contractors are spending a lot of money and not getting service from the county. Sue Rosa stated that the re-write for the zoning code has been delayed. They are waiting for feedback from the towns. Supervisor Krueger thanked the county for including the townships.

Review Correspondence

Namakagon Trail Groomers Snowflake Banquet – The banquet is December 13th at 5pm at Lakewoods. The Namakagon Trail Groomers were requesting a donation from the town. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to donate \$200 for support to trail groomers. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

North End Ski Club Sponsorship – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve \$125 sponsorship to North End Ski Club. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Regional Food Drive – Bayfield and Ashland Counties are hosting a Regional Food Drive to help local families affected by the federal food share suspension. The Town of Namakagon Town Hall is one of the many drop-off locations for this drive. More information can be found on the town website.

Public Comment

Kathy Sill inquired why the town wouldn't officially send a letter to K2 Towers and the FAA for the cell tower ADLS lighting. Supervisor McGregor responded that the FAA has already made their determination. The FAA will be contacted for more information.

Dave Haan stated the new truck will start production this month and the estimated finish date is the end of December, with delivery date of mid-January.

Set date for the next Board meeting, December 9, 2025 @ 7:30pm

Public Budget Hearing, November 13, 2025 @ 7pm

Plan Commission meeting, December 1, 2025 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 6pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk