

**TOWN OF NAMAKAGON**  
**For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday October 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 11 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 September 9<sup>th</sup> and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes from September 22<sup>nd</sup> and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #6105 through #6132. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

**Comprehensive Planning Report** – Dave Hanks updated the board on the request from the County Hwy Dept. for a speed reduction on County Hwy M as it was denied due to the traffic volume being too low to justify the reduction. He reported the commission will possibly be requesting more signage for elk on the roadsides. There was discussion at the meeting regarding more speed signs on County Hwy D, however there are already 7 signs within 6 miles, but the request will be pursued. They will also be pursuing the county to address crosswalks near the Loon Saloon, Pla-mor and Yellow Dog and a County Hwy D landing sign from the county. There was discussion on the county re-write survey.

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

**Great Divide Ambulance Report** – Jack McGregor reported that September was a bit slower than August with only 92 calls. However, this is still above average for this time of the year. The vehicle remount has been delivered and is in use. The remount is impressive, and the board decided to do another remount of a different vehicle by Braun for 2026. A new unit has been ordered for 2027 as well. The budget for 2025 is on track. The 2026 budget was approved by the board and sent to the townships. The subsidy cost per parcel has stayed the same for each 4 townships, only changing by updated parcel counts. The building has new cameras installed. More employees have been hired, but there is still a struggle to maintain the roster. The board will be offering the State Health Insurance Plan to employees as of January 1, 2026.

**County Zoning Re-write Survey** – Supervisor Krueger reported the Plan Commission reviewed the survey. Some things do not apply to the township. The board will have a work meeting to look at the survey in detail.

**LRIP project for 2026** – Quotes were received for Bear Point Road, Circle Drive, Bay Drive and Dam Road. The board discussed the condition of the roads. The board will continue to consider what projects to apply for in 2026 at a work meeting.

**Wildfire Risk Reduction Funding** – The board agreed to apply for 2026 funding for Crystal Lake Road, Birch Point Road, Viking Bay Drive and Harmon Drive.

**Town Website** – The website is in need to be updated. Three companies gave quotes: Munibit at \$99/mo., Townweb at \$900 one-time fee and \$1,820 annually and CCS one time fee \$3,500 and \$294.89 annually. It was noted that there were no extra fees for upgrading to handicap accessible. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve updating the website in 2026 through CCS at \$3,500. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

**Letter of support for the Namakagon Lake Association for the Harmony Environmental Grant for Aquatic Invasive Species stations** – Don Ketchum, Lake Assoc. Member, explained the association discussed controlling the spread of AIS by setting up decontamination stations with the help of 75/25 grant funds. They have hired an experienced grant writer. The Lake Assoc. is requesting a letter of support. There were concerns to note: limited space at the landings and bleach getting into the lake. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve a letter of support for the placement of decontamination stations at the landings, contingent of approval by the DNR. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

**Discussion on appointment of Town Supervisor to be done in December** – Supervisor McGregor handed in a letter of resignation effective in December. Supervisor McGregor stated that it has been an honor to represent the people of the Town of Namakagon. The board will be looking for a replacement.

**Transfer Site, new site for the future** – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the board will meet with the DNR representative on October 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the location of a new site.

**Bayfield County Zoning** – Supervisor Krueger stated that the Four Towns discussed options of opting out of county zoning at their past meeting. It was noted that there have been improvements from zoning with communication (receiving information). The county zoning re-write was extended for another 18 months.

## **Review Correspondence**

**CAMBA sponsorship** – MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve a \$250 CAMBA sponsorship to be paid with room tax funds. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

**Bayfield County Visitor Guide** – The board agreed to continue their ad for 2026.

**Plunkett's Pest Control** – Plunkett's was requesting the opportunity to quote the town for service. The town is currently using Blakeman Exterminating. Dave Haan will look into monthly pest control for the Fire Department and the Town Shop.

## **Public Comment**

Kathy Sill asked about the status of the cell tower lighting. Chairman Rasmussen stated that he spoke with Verizon about the lighting, and they explained that they leave all regulations to the FAA.

Ray Ebert inquired about the Chamber Room Tax funds. Supervisor Krueger stated that this was discussed at the last Four Town's meeting. Ray Ebert suggested that more of the funds be directly spent in Namakagon, possibly for the Walleye project.

Treasurer Skultety requested use of the water spicket in the back of the Fire Dept. for the snowmobile club groomers. The board gave permission. She requested the board consider putting

a line to the groomer building. The board would consider at the time a new well would be installed.

Dave Haan stated that the paperwork for the new Fire Dept. truck is signed. Adjustments to the truck have been made as needed. Delivery of the truck is scheduled for January 2026.

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

**Public Budget Hearing, November 13, 2025 @ 7pm**

**Plan Commission meeting, November 13, 2025 @ 7pm**

**Community Dinner, Thursday, November 6, 2025 @ 6pm**

**2026 Budget** – The board reviewed the budget. It included website upgrades, increase in hours for the clerk to 25/wk, 4 elections and an election counting machine. The board added the expense for polishing the Town Hall floors and LRIP expenditures (to be figured from the work meeting). Updates will be made and presented at a work meeting.

MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to go into Closed Session at 9:26pm 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 9:36pm 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 9:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk