

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday December 9, 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 15 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 November 11th and 13th and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #6163 through #6199. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Supervisor Krueger reported that there was discussion among the members regarding concerns about parking for the Yellow Dog, which is on the agenda. Jerome Malmquist added that at the last meeting there was discussion on the request letter for crosswalks to the county for County Hwy D.

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

Great Divide Ambulance Report – No report.

Town Board recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class A Special Use Permit for Staudemeyer’s Four Seasons Resort LLC for re-establishing prior use as a bar/tavern (formerly Mortenson’s Resort Bar) to the property located at 46370 County Hwy D, Town of Namakagon – Supervisor Krueger stated there were concerns with parking in front of the building. There are plans for a patio, but the application to the county has parking in the front. There are 10 spaces on the side, which will work. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the recommendation to the county with the exception of allowing parking in front of the building. MOTION seconded by Supervisor McGregor and carried.

Fire Truck purchase options – Dave Haan reported that the truck is in progress with an expectation of being done in January. The tentative delivery date is January 19th. Financing options were presented. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve the clerk to apply for financing either at Bremer or BCPL State Trust Funds Loans, whichever is cheaper, for an amount up to \$150,000 for the purchase of the Fire Truck. MOTION seconded by Krueger and carried.

Resolution for Airport Easement – Chairman Rasmussen reported that the owners of the old golf course by the airport are putting lots on the property. The airport is working on officially vacating the existing golf course easement, then approving an easement for a road to allow access to the properties. Tabled for presentation of resolution.

Cell Tower; Request for ADLS (Aircraft Detection Lighting System) Lighting – Chairman Rasmussen stated that this lighting was requested to K2 Towers. Supervisor McGregor explained

that he has researched this type of lighting from Detect Company. A radar is the main sensor, which has been accepted by the FAA. Detect has been a leader in making and marketing these systems. They are mainly used on wind farms. The radar detect system is a switch that turns on when the airplane is detected. All state and county regulations defer to FAA mandates. The State of North Dakota mandates the radar detector for all wind farms. Geography, trees and landscape are factors when considering this lighting. There usually is a large, open area for the lighting to be effective. One basic system cost 1.2 to 2 million dollars. It is an FAA decision to allow this type of lighting. Bill Alten printed off information from Detect. He stated they make a detection system that goes onto a cell tower that is 80lbs. It has two types of radar: Doppler and ADS-B. The town contacted K2 Towers and requested this lighting. They continue to pursue through contacting the FAA.

Transfer Site Electronics Recycling through COM2Recycling Solutions – The Town of Fifield was contacted, and they had no problems with the free service from COM2Recycling Solutions. Dave Haan mentioned that the Town of Mason also uses them and has no problems. MOTION made by Supervisor McGregor to approve contracting with COM2Recycling Solutions for their Electronics Recycling Services free of charge. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Transfer Site, new site for the future – Chairman Rasmussen stated that ongoing efforts are being made to investigate a new site. Nelson Surveying was contacted to lay out options for a new site. Nelson Surveying requested a meeting with the Board and Clay Burditt.

Bayfield County Zoning – No report.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed David Hanks as Town Board Supervisor for the fill-in term from December 2026 through April 2027.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Jack McGregor as Plan Commission Member for the fill-in term from December 2025 through April 2027.

Appointment of Plan Commission Chair - Tabled

Appointment of Great Divide Ambulance board member - Tabled

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Dave Haan as Fire Chief for a two-year term from 2026 to 2027.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed James Krueger as Room Tax Commissioner for the term of January through December 2026.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Election Officials for the term 2026 to 2027: Joann Schultz, Lisa Arthur, Kerri Nelson, Karen Pliska, Kris Cooper and Tom Anderson.

Review Correspondence

A notification was sent to the town that property (4.1 acres) located by the County Hwy D landing was donated to the DNR by Northland College.

There have been issues with loggers on East Lake Five Road parking on the roads with equipment and piling on the edge of the road. They took down a pedestrian sign and damaged snowmobile signs. The board will look into.

LGIP account signers need to be changed as Supervisor McGregor is retiring. Supervisor Krueger agreed to be a signer for the account.

Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th at Garmisch 5pm.

Public Comment

Tom Biasi thanked Supervisor McGregor for 10 years of service to the Town of Namakagon. Chairman Rasmussen presented Supervisor McGregor with a plaque for his 10 years of service.

The meeting was paused at 8:38pm for a celebration of Retirement for Supervisor McGregor.

Set date for the next Board meeting, January 13, 2026 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, January 5, 2026 @ 7pm

Community Denner, January 8, 2026 @ 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 9:26pm 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 9:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk