

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday January 13, 2026
At - NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL – 7:30pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Present were Chairman Robert Rasmussen, Supervisors David Hanks and Jim Krueger, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 5 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 December 9th, 15th and 29th and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #6200 through #6227. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Supervisor Hanks reported that the committee recommends Randy Lueth to be the Chairman for the committee. Bayfield County replied to the crosswalks request, and the request is not compliant with regulations, however, the county mentioned that additional signage could be looked at in the Spring.

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

Great Divide Ambulance Report – Supervisor Hanks reported a meeting was held on December 15th. Roy Bloom received a permit for a sign at the entrance to the building. That will be going in according to weather. There was discussion on the purchase of a cot lift. There was discussion on a service director position. January 20th will be the next meeting.

Assessor Contract – The presented contract includes 2026 for \$9,690, 2027 for \$22,490 (Re-val year), and 2028 for \$9,690. MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to approve the contract 2026 through 2028. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Transfer Site/Maintenance Job Description – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the presented job description. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Signer change for Old National Bank – MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to approve removing Jack McGregor as a signer on Old National Bank accounts. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried. MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to approve adding James Krueger as a signer on Old National Bank accounts. MOTION seconded by Chairman Rasmussen and carried.

Signer change for Chippewa Valley Bank - MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve removing Jack McGregor as signer on Chippewa Valley Bank accounts. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried. MOTION made by Chairman Rasmussen to approve adding James Krueger as a signer on Chippewa Valley Bank accounts. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Ordinance 50-20 Town of Namakagon Namakagon Fire Department Volunteer Funds –
MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the presented changes in Ordinance 50-20B
Town of Namakagon, Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer Funds.

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
NAMAKAGON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER FUNDS
50-20B

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Namakagon
Bayfield County

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Namakagon, Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer Funds Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the Town Fire Department to hold “Volunteer Funds” in the name of the Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Namakagon, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under s. [66.0608](#), Wis. Stats. to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, 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, authorizes the Town Fire Department to hold volunteer funds in the name of Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION IV – DEFINITIONS

In this ordinance:

- A. “Public depository” means a federal or state credit union, federal or state savings and loan association, state bank, savings and trust company, federal or state savings bank, or national bank in this state that receives or holds any public deposits or the local government pooled-investment fund.
- B. “Volunteer funds” means funds of a municipality that are raised by employees of the Town's Fire Department, by volunteers, or by donation to the Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department for the benefit of the Town Fire Department.

SECTION V – ACCOUNTS

The Town of Namakagon Fire Chief is authorized to deposit Volunteer Funds of the Department in an account in the name of the Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department in any public depository ~~used by the Town of Namakagon~~ approved by ~~the Town Board of the Town of Namakagon~~. The Namakagon Volunteer Fire

Department, through its Fire Chief, shall have exclusive control over the expenditure of volunteer funds of the department, subject to Section VI.

SECTION VI Limitations

- A. The amount of withdrawals of Volunteer Funds from the account described in Section V of over \$1,000 may be made only upon majority vote of the Fire Department Members present at a duly noticed meeting of the department and approval by the Town Board. Such withdrawals and expenditures may be made for any purpose that promotes the ability of the Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department to provide services for which it is organized.
- B. The account under the Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department designated as the Paul Feckner Memorial Scholarship Fund will be limited in revenues to donations specified to the Paul Feckner Memorial Scholarship Fund. The expenditures will be limited to withdrawals of volunteer funds specifically to be spent on a scholarship for a graduated or graduating student, from Drummond Area District School, that is going into the emergency services, fire department, emergency medical services or law enforcement. This withdrawal must be approved by a majority vote of the Fire Department Members present at a duly noticed meeting of the department the Fire Department.
- C. The Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department is subject to the following reporting and auditing requirements:
 1. The Town of Namakagon Fire Chief shall provide the Town Board with monthly bank statements of the Department's volunteer funds. The statements shall be provided within 15 calendar days of the end of the month. The statements shall include a detailed itemization of all receipts, expenditures, and the balance on hand at the end of the month. The source of all funds and the identity of the payee for each disbursement shall be set forth.
 2. Namakagon Volunteer Fire Department accounts shall be included in the annual audit of town funds and shall be audited in the same manner as other town funds.

SECTION VII - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION VIII – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The Town Clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. [60.80](#), Wis. Stats.

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Fire Department Public Depository Accounts – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Fire Department to use Superior Choice Credit Union as their Public Depository Accounts. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Randy Lueth as Plan Commission Chair for the fill-in term from April 2025 through March 2028.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed David Hanks as Great Divide Ambulance Board Member.

Review Correspondence

Forest Lodge Library Support – The library sent out a letter for support. It was reviewed.

The Town received approval from Bayfield County Zoning Dept for the Conditional Use Application for Yellow Dog. It was noted that conditions were code compliant parking area be obtained, all exterior lighting must follow Dark Sky best management practices, facing downward and quiet hours are 10pm to 8am daily.

Chairman Rasmussen stated that the Pietsch property is being donated to the Landmark Conservatory to protect its natural resources.

Public Comment

Tomi Backlund asked for a Cell Tower Update: the height will be increased in either the 1st or 2nd quarter of this year.

Tomi Backlund inquired about the Mary-Griggs foundation. The town has no information.

Tony Litwinchuk inquired about the levy and implications of the loans. It was explained that the levy increases based on the loan payments for the life of the loan. There was discussion on the sale of the old truck, and it is not expected to bring in much revenue.

Quiet hours are set by Bayfield County and also within the Town Public Nuisance Ordinance. It is regulated by the county.

Dave Haan stated that the state is looking into a policy to require the Fire Department to be dispatched when CPR is needed for extra hands-on scene.

There was discussion on Westwind Resort and the Bayfield County Zoning requirements that they are working through.

Set date for the next Board meeting, February 10, 2026 @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission meeting, February 2, 2026 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, February 5, 2026 @ 6pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk