

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday February 10, 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 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 Hanks to dispense the reading of the Town Board minutes from January 13th and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #6228 through #6260. 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 Hanks reported that the service is fully staffed with about 24 employees. The board approved purchasing a handtevy mobile unit to help with patient care. A vehicle has been sent in for a re-mount and should be back in July, costing approximately \$177,000. The board is considering purchasing a generator for the station. There was some discussion on manning three crews, but it will be a while before that happens.

Fire Department Credit Card – Dave Haan requested that the township be the guarantor for the Fire Dept credit card. Previously the card had a \$5,000 limit. There was a stipulation that if the purchase was over \$1,000, the Fire Dept would need to get town board approval. The Fire Dept would need about 4-5 cards. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve being a guarantor for the Fire Dept credit card with a limit of \$5,000, and if there is a purchase over \$1,000 Town Board approval would be necessary. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried. Dave Haan explained that CO alarms are only good for a certain timeframe. He suggested when replacing them, getting an alarm with a digital readout. For iPhone users there is a crash alert on the phone. This happened this past week. It can be cancelled on your phone, so people need to be aware.

Cable Union Airport Easement – Chairman Rasmussen stated that the new buyers that bought Telemark are requesting an easement from the airport. More information is needed.

Hiking/Biking/Walking Trail Update – Supervisor Krueger stated that there was a meeting with the Forest Service and things are moving forward. The Forest Service is supporting the development of the trail system. There was a meeting with the county about a county-wide trail.

Federal Recreation Trails Program Grant –MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to approve applying for the grant, application deadline of March 1st, for the development of the Hiking/Biking/Walking Trail. MOTION seconded by Chairman Rasmussen and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Karen Malmquist as Election Official for the term 2026 through 2027.

Review Correspondence

Namakagon Trail Groomers Inc. thank you – A thank you was received for supporting the Trail Groomers. They were able to buy a new drag for their groomer from donation funds.

North End Ski Club – A thank you was received for supporting the program.

DNR 2026 Water Surface Grant – Information about the grant was presented. This will be looked into for the boat landing repairs.

WisDOT – WisDOT released funding for small culverts of rating of less than 4. The town will inquire with Jake Benson about rating the culverts.

Public Comment

Kathy Sill asked about an update on the cell tower. Clerk Bjork stated that phone calls were made to K2 Towers and the FAA. The town is waiting for the FAA to call back but that hasn't happened yet. There were concerns from residents about the constant flashing light considering the lack of planes that fly over and the aesthetics of the area.

It was noted the snowmobile trail needs to be re-routed for the extension on the tower. The town will work with the snowmobile club to get a re-route constructed.

Sue Rosa stated that the county is still working on zoning as the process has been delayed. Supervisor Krueger stated that he is concerned that the communication problems will not be solved. There is a personnel problem. Overall, there has not been improvement yet, but the town is still waiting. Sue Rosa noted that the County-wide EMS final draft has been created. She requested town input.

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

Plan Commission meeting, March 22, 2026 @ 7pm

Community Dinner, March 5, 2026 @ 6pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk