

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday March 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 8 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 February 10th and February 23rd and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #6261 through #6284. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

Comprehensive Planning Report – Supervisor Krueger stated that the Comp Plan discussed county zoning, the trail system, the county zoning re-write, and Short-Term Rentals. The Comp Plan requested the Town Board to pursue placing highway pedestrian signs by the Loon, Yellow Dog, Lakewoods and Pla-mor.

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

Great Divide Ambulance Report – Supervisor Hanks stated the service is fully staffed with 24 employees. The board discussed replacing radios for compliance regulations within the next 2 years. Grant funds are available. The Operational Plan was approved by the state. The board approved purchasing Handtevy Tablets. There are currently three ambulances. One remount is being done for \$177,000 (half the cost of a new one). The rig should be back by the end of July. The service continues to stay busy with transfers.

Plunkett's Pest Control - The town currently contracts Blakeman Exterminating for service four times a year. Plunkett's proposed a monthly service. MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to approve Plunkett's Pest Control proposal for the Town Hall, Fire Dept and Pioneer Station for the next year. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Open Gravel Crushing Sealed Bids – One bid was received from Haas Inc. for \$100,000 crushing 25,000 tons of gravel. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve Haas Inc. bid at \$100,000 for 25,000 tons of gravel to be paid in 2026 and 2027. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Cell Tower Update – Clerk Bjork stated that a letter was sent to K2 Towers requesting ADLS lighting on the cell tower to allow the aesthetics of the area to remain undisturbed and natural. A response was received from K2 Towers that stated they were not opposed to the ADLS lighting system if approved by the FAA. However, they already have the FAA and FCC approvals for the lighting system that has already been purchased. It was noted that in 2014 a petition was presented to the board in support of a 400' cell tower with 672 signatures. Information was given to the public at that time in depth. The current 3G & 4G coverage will be upgraded to 4G and 5G. The coverage area highly depends on the frequency, antenna array, and technology type. Each

cellular operator uses a unique frequency spectrum and antenna configurations. K2 Towers continues to research information for ADLS lighting. They are willing to attend a meeting in April or May to present the final findings. It was also noted that they are willing to speak with residents on questions that they may have.

Culvert inspections – There was discussion on grants available for inspected culverts and the number of culverts within the township. It was noted that the culverts on Old Grade Road and Snake Trail Road can receive Forest Service funding. The board will inquire with the road crew about culvert inventory.

2027 Surface Water Grant – The grant is available for boat landing washout. The application is due November 15th, however, if applied for, then the town would temporarily fix Hanks Landing and Chicago landing as needed, then in 2027, if the grant is approved, do a more permanent fix. The Town Board agreed to apply for both Hanks and Chicago Landings.

TextMyGov Program – This program would install a pop-up on the website offering text communication with no app, no email and no sign-up required. Residents can receive alerts, find information and report concerns. With the new website, which is updating to be compliant with phones, this would be a nice upgrade. The proposal was \$1,500 annually with a \$750 one-time set up fee. This would qualify for a room tax expense. The board agreed to wait until the website is updated.

Town Hall Floors Re-finished – The Town Hall will be closed from April 27th through May 23rd for re-finishing the floors. The Clerk's office will be relocated to the Handicap entrance, and will be open during regular office hours.

Bayfield County Health Community Wellness Grant – The grant application is open March 1st through April 30th. The Town Board will research upgrading pickleball equipment with these grant funds.

Chicago Avenue Parking – There was an issue with vehicles parking at the turn-around on Chicago Ave this past month, which blocked the ability to turn around. Emergency vehicles would not be able to access that area. There was discussion on possible solutions. Alternate parking is available at the Town Hall. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to establish no parking on one side of the road (North and West side) including the complete turn-around. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Short-Term Rental application for Stalter Properties 1 LLC to the property located at 24695 Garden Lake Road, Town of Namakagon – The County approved this request in December 2025. It was noted they have not yet missed any quarterly reports. MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to approve the Short-Term Rental application to Stalter Properties 1 LLC for the property located at 24695 Garden Lake Road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Short-Term Rental application for Gregory & Barbara Johnson to the property located at 43240 County Hwy D, Town of Namakagon – The county approved this request in October 2025. There was some confusion between the town and the county, however, they have been paying room tax. MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Short-Term Rental application to Gregory & Barbara Johnson for the property located at 43240 County Hwy D. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Approval of Short-Term Rentals for April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 -

Supervisor Krueger approved the Short-Term Rental renewals as listed below, contingent upon compliance with all regulations.

- **HB Recreational Properties Inc, Hank's Landing at 25200 S. Garden Ave., Unit 1 and Unit 2**
- **Darwin & Cynthia Thier, Twin Shores at 44755 Bear Point Road**
- **Jason Anderson, Serendipity Cottage at 44060 Dodd Drive**
- **Chris & Tamera Klohn, Robinz Nest at 44645 Bay Drive**
- **Kevin & Jennifer Kish, Pineview Cabin at 44625 Birch Point Road**
- **Mike & Chris Pickering, VRBO at 42560 Rock Lake Road #697**
- **Robert Rasmussen, Woodroe at 42915 Woods Bay Road**
- **Ray Ebert, Beachview at 42870 Lake Ridge Road**
- **Travis Walsh, Hilltop Hideaway at 44600 County Hwy D**
- **Mike Herro & Bill Toennies, Thirty Point Lodge at 23275 Missionary Point Drive**
- **Aleksander Kins & Amanda Manthey, Trail's Lodge LLC at 45830 County Hwy D & Osprey Point 45215 County Hwy D**
- **Jamie & Carmen Erhardt, River's Edge at 21497 Junek's Point Road**
- **ChrisAnne & Charles Best, Sandy Shores at 45095 Chicago Ave.**
- **Dan Sullivan, Bab of the Northwoods at 40065 Buffalo Lake Road**
- **Garry & Jodie Larson, Sugar Bay Sweets at 45125 County Hwy D**
- **Jennifer Beier, The Seidls at 43985 County Hwy D**
- **James Severson, Peace of Mind at 23195 Missionary Point Road**
- **Laura & David Ebert & Lisa Doyle, Ebert's Hideaway at 44985 Chicago Ave.**
- **Mark & Carol Kvernen, Namakabin at 45890 County Hwy D**
- **Jason Lindsey & Anna Keck, Cozy Loon at 44795 Namakagon Sunset Road**
- **Jamie & Brad Mason at 45020 Sugar Bay Road**
- **Peter Bezanson & Melissa Schultz, Cedar Lodge at 41975 Lake Five Road and Birchwood at 28225 County Hwy M**
- **Jeri Erickson, Arrowwood Lodge at 44050 Namakagon Sunset Road**
- **Ann McIntosh, Cottage at Missing Acre at 24235 Garden Lake Road**
- **Susan & Mark Overson, Overson's Landing LLC at 21625 Junek's Point Road**
- **Jennifer Kenny, Kenny Lodge at 23235 Missionary Point Road**
- **Jeffrey & Debra Wiedenhoeft, Bill's Bay at 43945 County Hwy D**
- **James & Carol Fogarty, Fogarty Compound at 24915 Garden Lake Road**
- **Charla Olson, Terry, Lola and Phillip Sykes, Tamarack at 22765 Missionary Point Drive**
- **Telmark Interval Owner's Assoc. at 43155 Telemark Point Road Units 201 & 202, 43195 Telemark Point Road Units 401 & 402, 43185 Telemark Point Road Units 301 & 302**
- **Elizabeth Pankratz, The Nama-Cabin on Namakagon at 24595 Garden Lake Road**
- **John & Amy Stalter, Paradise Shores at 44905 Chicago Ave. and Sunrise Cove at 45360 Marsh Lane**
- **David Popelka, Firway Inc. at 42815 Lake Ridge Road**

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed James Krueger as a Plan Commission member for the term 4/2026 thru 3/2029. The second open term is on hold.

Appointment of Fire Chief for 2026-2027 – Completed at the December 2025 meeting.

Chairman Rasmussen appointed Arlene Skultety as Town Treasurer for the term April 2026 thru March 2029.

Review Correspondence

CNHM sent a thank you for the town's support.

Public Comment

Kathy Sill stated there was a blurb in the paper that Noravdo has capital credits available and if not claimed they will be forfeited. This can be claimed from their website.

There was discussion on how Short-Term Rental's impact businesses in the area. There are no limits to the amount of STR's that a township can have, but the township can put restrictions on the STR's. It was noted that property rights need to be considered.

Sarah Boles requested that the board and Plan Commission consider "dark sky" impacts to the area in all lighting allowed in the township, including the cell tower lighting.

Amanda Stuedemeyer stated that they are working with the county to install an apron in front of the building at Yellow Dog. Brandon Pessina requested town support in building the apron. It was noted the main issue there is parking and that will help with no parking in the front. There was a suggestion to put pillars around the apron for safety. This will be brought to the next town meeting.

Set date for the next Board meeting, Monday, April 13, 2026 @ 7pm

Plan Commission meeting, April 6, 2026 @ 7pm

Community Denner, April 2, 2026 @ 6pm

Annual Town Meeting, April 21, 2026 7pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk