

TOWN OF NAMAKAGON
For - TOWN BOARD MEETING–Tuesday June 9, 2026
At – NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL– 7:00pm
MINUTES

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Chairman Robert Rasmussen, Supervisors James Krueger and David Hanks, Treasurer Arlene Skultety, Clerk Laura Bjork and 7 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 May 12th and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Chairman Rasmussen and carried. MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to dispense the reading of town minutes from May 26th and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

The Financial Report was read by Treasurer Skultety; checks approved and signed #6345 through #6390. Town Financials are available to the public upon request from the Treasurer.

Road Report – Clay Burditt reported regular maintenance is being done. There was a fire at the dump from the brush pile. Bear Point project has started. Northwoods Paving will be coming to pulverize at the end of July, then it will need to sit for two weeks before paving. In the beginning of July, the crusher will be at Castle Creek pit. Namakagon Dam has been mowed and looks real nice.

Comprehensive Planning Report – There was no monthly meeting this past month.

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

Great Divide Ambulance Report – Supervisor Hanks stated in April there were 137 transports. The service has a contract with ABC Raceways on Saturdays for standbys, with an understanding that the towns will not be left without service. The service is currently fully staffed with 24 people (3 shifts available 24/7). Transfers are being taken from Hayward and Ashland. There is a concern with health insurance and retirement costs being over budget, however more income is being generated. The board will continue to review this information monthly.

Forest Lodge Library Donor Wall Listing and WI Collection Reading Area Plaque Wording – Several examples were presented. The Town Board chose “A Tapestry of Lakes, Forests, And Community” Dedicated by the Town of Namakagon.

Missionary Point “No Hunting” Sign – An aluminum sign was presented for \$200 from Woodland Signs. The board requested information on a cedar sign and possibly a foam sign that looks like wood grain.

4th of July Fireworks – MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to approve the fireworks contract from J&M Displays for \$6,000. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Plunkett’s Mosquito Reduction Service – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the Mosquito Reduction Service for \$336/year being applied twice a year. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Update to Ordinance #22A Seasonal Weight Limits /Ordinance #22B Class B Weight Limits

– There will be no change under the penalty section. The board requested the Road Crew to add “up to \$5,000 fine” to the weight limit signs.

Ordinance 59-26 Snow Emergency Ordinance/Winter Parking Ordinance – There was discussion on an emergency verse parking ordinance. There was concern including all town roads in the ordinance as there are some areas that ice fisherman utilize. There was concern about people parking on some roads and still having access for the Fire Department. There was discussion on signage for additional parking at the Town Hall. The board will meet on Monday, June 15th to further discuss.

LRIP Project for Bear Point Road and Bay Drive – The town received approval from Northwoods Paving to postpone a \$50,000 payment to January 2027 to allow the project to comply with the budget for 2026. There could be a change in the LRIP scope of the project if needed allowing less of the project to be done at the same cost. The board did not want to change the scope of the project.

Office Remodel – Supervisor Hanks explained a possible remodel to address safety issue and bigger office space for the clerk.

Approval of Liquor License applications and respective agents as published – Motion made by Supervisor Krueger to approve the liquor licenses as follows, contingent on all Dept of Revenue regulations being met:

HB Recreational Properties, Inc., Agent Heather Antilla, 25200 S. Garden Ave., Cable, WI for the premises known as Hank’s Landing located at 25200 S. Garden Ave., Cable, WI.

Mac’s Park Place dba Roo’s Bar and Grill, Agent Chelsea Laufle, 16640 White Pine Court, Cable, WI for the premises located at 42730 Birch Bend Road, Cable, WI.

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Hire Lake Monitor employee – MOTION made by Supervisor Hanks to hire Don Ketcham as a Lake Monitor. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Krueger and carried.

Appointment of a Plan Commission Member for the term April 2026 thru March 2029 – Tabled.

Review Correspondence

Forest Lodge Library Thank you – A thank you letter was read for the support of the room at the new library.

Chequamegon Children’s Theatre support – MOTION made by Supervisor Krueger to support the Chequamegon Children’s Theatre with \$100. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Hanks and carried.

Forest Lodge and reorganization of the Forest Service – Information was given and is attached.

Chamber of Commerce Service Needs – A board member will meet with the Chamber to discuss possible events in the Town of Namakagon.

Public Comment – Mary D’Andrea commented that it seems the Forest Lodge is looking for someone to manage the property. There is a sense of responsibility with the town to the Forest Lodge because it is in Namakagon. It is a historical asset. Supervisor Hanks stated that the board will look into.

Supervisor Hanks stated that the Fire Department pancake breakfast was a great event.
Supervisor Krueger stated that the town should have another joint meeting with Plan Commission to discuss the next two re-writes on wetlands and land divisions. Comments need to be turned in by end of June. Meeting will be Wednesday 17th at 7pm.
There was discussion on county-wide ambulance service.

Set date for the next Board meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 @ 7pm
Plan Commission meeting, July 6, 2026 @ 7pm

Chairman Rasmussen adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Laura Bjork, Town of Namakagon Clerk