

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen
April 10, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Jon Nelson. The Town Board and Town Employees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Dave Opack, second by Chair George Franckowiak and unanimously approved. Minutes of the March 13, 2017 and March 27, 2017 Town Board meetings and the Reorganizational meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Supervisor Opack second by Chair Franckowiak, all vote in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were two outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$101.58.)

OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z Matter- Supervisor Opack clarified that this matter is now in the hands of the Board of Adjustment and noted we can attach conditions if the variance is granted. Gil Kjorstad stated the variance needs to be for both lot size and lot width. Toni stated she has informed the property owner of this and he will amend his application to reflect the lot width. Toni stated she will sit down with Gil and discuss the concerns and other issues we have on the property and identify a list of conditions for the Board of Adjustment to consider.

P&Z Matter- Vice Chair Nelson stated we received a letter from our attorney, Mike Couri, noting the property owner and his attorney have asked for an extension on the deadline to have the vehicles removed. The deadline requested was October 1st. A motion was made by Supervisor Opack second by Chair Franckowiak to enter into an agreement with the property owner to extend the deadline to October 1st. Toni suggested we add into the agreement that no additional vehicles may be brought. Supervisor Opack amended his motion to include no additional vehicles may be brought in with a second by Chair Franckowiak. All vote in favor. Motion carried. Toni will contact Mike Couri to have him draft an agreement for the Board to look over at our next meeting.

Emergency Plan Committee- The Board agreed the next Emergency Plan Committee meeting will be April 24th at 8:00 pm. Toni will contact the Committee members and let them know of the meeting date and time.

Lawnwood Road brushing- Supervisor Opack stated he went with Rick's Tree Service to identify the trees that need to be removed on Lawnwood Road. Supervisor Opack stated Rick will give us the same rate as last year and is estimating the job to be \$9,000. Chair Franckowiak asked if they looked at the trees at the Gnesen Community Center he had concerns on. Supervisor Opack stated the estimate was \$950 for those trees. A motion was made by Supervisor Opack to approve Rick's Tree Service to do brushing on Lawnwood Rd and cutting the trees at the Community Center not to exceed \$10,000 with a second by Chair Franckowiak. All vote in favor. Motion carried.

Bonding for Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department- Vice Chair Nelson stated the public hearing will be reconvened on April 24th at the Town Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller stated he has graded the main roads but some are still too wet to grade. Tom noted there are three culverts on our roads that will need to be addressed and there was discussion as to the best options for fixing them. Supervisor Opack will check with St. Louis County to see if they have equipment to clean the culverts. Tom stated the cutting edges on the grader are in need of replacement. The Board agreed he should get some estimates for replacements to present at the next Board meeting.

Gnesen Community Center-Building Manager Toni Blomdahl stated she is working on a plan for the Summer Youth Program and possibly implementing some changes as to how it has been run in the past.

Gnesen Newsletter- Newsletter Editor Cindy Erickson stated everything is going good with the newsletter and website.

Letter from Ulland Brother's- Toni shared with the Board a letter from Ulland Brother's noting their price list for 2017.

Email from MAT regarding road restrictions- Toni shared with the Board an email from MAT in reference to a bill at the Senate regarding exemptions for milk haulers and special construction material trucks from road restrictions. MAT noted they worked to successfully get these provisions removed from the bill in the Senate but the House still has a similar version they are considering.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting, April 24, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Local Board of Appeals, April 27th at 10:00 am

Disbursements #13834 through #13857 and five Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$10,231.17 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements. CTAS Balance after tonight \$331,998.68.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. with a motion by Chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)