

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

Summary of the April 11, 2016 Gnesen Town Board Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes.

Chair George Franckowiak called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The Town Board, Township Employees and two visitors stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was moved, second and Board approved to accept the agenda as presented.

The minutes of the meeting with the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department members held on February 14, 2016, the Bi-Monthly Regular Town Board Meeting held on March 14, 2016 and the Reorganizational Meeting held on March 28, 2016 were approved as presented. Copies of the Annual Meeting Minutes held on March 8, 2016 were given to the Board to look over. These minutes will be approved at the next Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Survey-Ken Gilbertson went over the survey results with the Town Board. Ken stated that the results are similar to the results of the 2003 survey. We received back 52% of the surveys we sent out, which is a good return percentage. A motion was moved, second and board approved to accept the survey results. These results will be posted on our website.

Tree removal proposal-A motion was moved, second and Board approved to accept the proposal. Supervisor Opack will get a list from the County on areas of concern that they have encountered when they do the snowplowing. We will incorporate those concerns into our road improvement plans.

Maps-Supervisor Nelson received a price quote and we will wait to purchase the maps when the County has made their next update.

Painting the town hall bathrooms, kitchen and radiators-We received a quote on doing this work. The Town Board decided to wait and prioritize with the Community Center projects.

P&Z Matter-The court ordered judgment in favor of the Town of Gnesen.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Grader Operator's Road Report-The grader operator, Tom Haller stated he checked all the township roads today. He stated he cannot grade the roads until they thaw out, but will get out as soon as he can.

Road complaints-Supervisor Opack reported that he talked with the St. Louis County Engineer and the engineer reported that to take a township road, grade it and then pave it would cost approximately \$200,000.00 per mile. When you put in culverts, ditching, fabric and etc. it can range from \$600,000.00 to \$800,000.00 per mile.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager's Report-Toni Blomdahl's report was read by Supervisor Nelson. The DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant was submitted and awards will be announced in June.

Gnesen Newspaper-Editor Cindy Erickson reported the newspaper is doing well and the website is being used.

Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department-We are very fortunate to have a good, timely response fire department and it saves all the residents money on their insurance rates. The fire department worked hard to get our insurance rating down to a 7. For \$48,000.00 a year, we contract with the Fire Department to provide fire protection and first responders to the residents of Gnesen. If you divide that amount by 365 days a year it equals \$131.51 per day. If you divide that by the number of households, which according to the census is 709 households, it would be 19 cents per day per household.

Public Road Seminar-April 29<sup>th</sup> in Detroit Lakes or May 6<sup>th</sup> in Waseca, MN.

Public Water Access off Abbott Road-P&Z Chair, Kevin Haberman sent an email to Mark Rudningen, DNR Parks & Trails, in support of the proposed improvements to the Abbott Road site. The DNR is working with Minnesota Power on this access.

All-Terrain Vehicle ATV Ordinance-We received a letter from St. Louis County Public Works Department stating that they are in the process of developing an ATV Ordinance. They invited the township to submit comments on the draft ATV Ordinance by May 20<sup>th</sup>. The town Board will look over the Ordinance and we will discuss this in greater detail at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting. It was suggested that we invite St. Louis County Commissioner Pete Stauber and St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman to the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Resolution #16-09 establishing a policy for the compensation and reimbursement of town officers-The resolution was moved, second and Board approved.

Resolution #16-10 and #16-11 authorizing contract with interested officer-conflict of interest-The resolution was moved, second and Board approved to allow Chair Franckowiak and Supervisor Opack to spot gravel trucks and clean out culverts when needed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

One piece of correspondence was received for the month, other than the letters mentioned above.

No building permits were turned in for the month of March 2016.

Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the claims.

Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to adjourn the meeting.

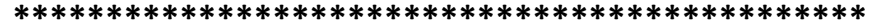
No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

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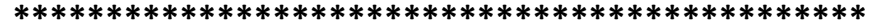
Lottie Haller, Clerk



**GNESEN TOWN BOARD MEETINGS  
MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 23, 2016  
8:00 P.M.  
GNESEN TOWN HALL**



**BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION MEETING  
MAY 5, 2016  
10:00 A.M.  
GNESEN TOWN HALL**



**GNESEN PLANNING & ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016  
6:30 P.M.  
GNESEN TOWN HALL  
GNESEN PLANNING & ZONING BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016  
7:30 P.M.  
GNESEN TOWN HALL**

