

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 24, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 24, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Jon Nelson. Kevin Haberman, P&Z Commission Member asked to be added to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Kevin's request was moved by Supervisor Dave Opack, second by Chair George Franckowiak and unanimously approved.

Minutes for the April 10, 2017 Town Board Meeting were handed out. There was a correction to the March 13th Meeting Minutes-it should have read check #12833 instead of #12832. Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and board approved to accept the correction. Amount of checks was correct, just the number was off.

Public Hearing- The Public Hearing for approval of the fire department obtaining a lease purchase agreement or direct loan to purchase a new fire truck will be postponed until we hear from the fire department for a new date to reconvene.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Plan-Residents Rik Jordan and Jason Nelson were in attendance to talk about the Emergency Plan. Vice Chair Nelson gave a little update to Rik as to what we are proposing as Rik was not at the first meeting. Rik had sat on a Regional Review Committee and recommended Vice Chair Nelson contact Paul Lee from St. Louis County to see what emergency plan they have in place. Kevin Haberman suggested that Vice Chair Nelson contact Michelle Robbins or John Muehlbauer from Minnesota Power. Supervisor Opack inquired as to whether we should contact the neighboring townships and Vice Chair Nelson suggested that we contact those mentioned above and plan a meeting with them and the Emergency Plan Committee to find out what we need to get the Community Center ready; what equipment we will need; what size generator we will need. Vice Chair Nelson will follow up with these contacts and set up a meeting at the Community Center.

P&Z matter-The Variance Hearing is set for Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Gnesen Town Hall. Gil Kjorstad talked to our lawyer, Mike Couri, today and we are still proceeding with the pre-trial that is set for June 5th for the cabin matter. If the Variance is denied, the property owner has 15 days to appeal to the Town Board.

P&Z matter-Our lawyer is writing up an agreement for the extension to October 1st with the condition no more cars are brought in. Our lawyer will send the agreement to the property owner's lawyer to see if it is agreeable.

NEW BUSINESS:

P&Z Request-Kevin Haberman presented a P&Z request for additional funding for John Powers to hold two workshops with the Commission; update our Zoning Ordinance; clean up the language and include a new map. Supervisor Opack made a motion to spend up to \$2,500.00 which will include the \$425.00 already allotted for John to look at the Ordinance. Chair Franckowiak second the motion, all in favor. Kevin will send Mr. Powers an email stating that the additional funding has been approved.

Road Review Meeting-The Review will be on May 12th starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Como Oil-Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to sign the Locked Price Sales Agreement with Como Oil for the 2017-2018 heating season for \$1.129 per gallon.

Off-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Gnesen Convenience Store-Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to approve the liquor license for Gnesen Convenience Store.

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West Pioneer Road speeding problem-We received a phone call from a property owner about people speeding on this road and he was wondering if we could borrow one of those signs, that tell people how fast they are going, from the County and maybe ask the St. Louis County Sheriff's Deputy to patrol that road a little more often when they are in the area. Clerk Haller will contact Vic Lund from St. Louis County to see about borrowing the sign and she will also contact the Sheriff's Department about patrolling the road.

Lawnwood Road-We received a call from a property owner about the Lawnwood Road washing out. Tom Haller went there and dug out the culvert that a beaver had plugged.

Wood ash-We received a letter from the University of Minnesota that they have reviewed and accepted an application to land apply wood ash and/or lime from David Werner for the Ely Solem property on Church Road and the Dan Riesland property on Rice Lake Road.

Gnesen Community Center Donation Letter-Forty-four (44) of the letters have been returned with donations totaling \$1,395.00 so far.

Quotes for blades for the grader-We have received one quote and are waiting on another quote.

Gil Kjorstad-Gil stated that he will be retiring as the Planning & Zoning Officer as of the end of June. Although we are reluctant to accept his retirement, we will get this opening on the website and our June Newsletter and start recruiting for Gil's position. We will put a thank you in the Gnesen Newsletter for Gil's fourteen years of service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

St. Louis County Sheriff's Crime Activity Report for March. Vice Chair Nelson stated that at the DAT Meeting the Sheriff's Deputy said if you notice a lot of traffic coming and going from a house in your neighborhood you should report it to the Sheriff's Department as there may be drug activity there.

Upcoming Meetings:

Local Board of Appeals-April 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Variance for David & Mary Shaw-May 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-May 8th at 8:00 p.m.

P&Z Meeting-May 17th at 7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-May 18th at 6:30 Rice Lake City Hall

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)