

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, August 14, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor David Opack, second by Supervisor Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the July 24, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. (The July 10 & July 24, 2017 meeting minutes copied in the minute book are out of sequence-July 24th was copied first.)

Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were two outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$841.32.)

OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z matter-Our attorney said he is waiting for the court to issue the order.

Musolf Road-Supervisor Opack has not heard anything from property owner about wanting to take over ownership of Musolf Road.

Tarnowski Road-Supervisor Opack is setting up a time with Tom Haller and Mike Grubb to do the work.

Beaver dam on Turner Road-This matter was tabled while we do more research on it.

Town Treasurer-The new Treasurer, Mary Bjorklund, will need to meet with the Town Clerk at the bank to get her signature on the bank account. She has not met with Paul Glaesemann to be trained in, but will in the next week or so. Paul has been updating all the computers with the security program.

CDGB Grant-We received an email from Steve Nelson and he stated the money has been delayed for another 30-45 days. Supervisor Nelson asked about using the grant money at the Community Center instead of the Town Hall and Steve said they are not able to expand the scope at the Community Center because it wasn't proposed in the application. Steve suggested that we apply for the new grant this year for the Community Center.

Emergency Shelter newspaper article-Supervisor Nelson stated he will get the article written this week. Supervisor Nelson stated it will work out good to have the Duluth Area Township's Meeting at the Community Center on Thursday so we can discuss the shelter and see if any other townships are interested in working with us on the shelter. Supervisor Nelson still needs to contact the Red Cross to come tour the building. Kurt Blegen, janitor at Community Center, has not heard back from John Stephens about the electricity needs for a generator at the Center. The town clerk sent John copies of the electric bills for the Center so he can see the usage from previous years.

Island Lake Drive-Clerk sent letters on July 26, 2017 to all property owners about the tree cutting on Island Lake Drive and she has not received any responses from the property owners either pro or con. The property owners had fourteen (14) days to reply, and hearing none, Rick's Tree Service notified Supervisor Opack that they started the tree cutting/trimming today. (One letter was returned stating that David Longsio did not live there anymore.) There was a question as to who owns the start of the road, the County or the Township, and Supervisor Opack was told it was the County's property, so we will not be cutting/trimming the trees on that part of the road.

Fire Department loan Public Hearing-Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson and board approved to call for a Public Hearing on September 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. to consider the approval of a loan for the fire truck purchase. The Fire Department will be here to answer any questions or concerns that the public may have.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader Operators road report-Tom Haller stated that he performed a road check today and most of the roads are in decent shape with a few potholes. Tom stated that Bergstrom Road will need to be graded. Tom also stated that there is a washout on the shoulder of the Pioneer Road west of Rice Lake Road that needs to be addressed. Tom and Supervisor Opack will get this problem fixed. Needle Lane is pretty rough with washouts. The township put five loads of gravel on two lanes by Eagle Lake. It was noted that the property owner at the end of Eden Lane has put boulders and pea rock on our turnaround/right-of-way and it will make it difficult to snowplow there this winter. Clerk will send the property owner a letter telling them to contact Supervisor Opack about this matter.

Gnesen Community Center-Toni Blomdahl reported that we had about 100 people at National Night Out and the Blood Mobile collected blood donations from nine (9) people. The Summer Youth Workers had some fun activities for the children at National Night Out; such as a piñata, face painting and games. The Fire Department brought their truck to NNO and the kids loved getting to sit in the fire truck. Janitor, Kurt Blegen purchased a lock for the dumpster but needs to do some work on it. He also bought a new lock for the gate leading to the back of the Center. Summer Youth Camp will finish this week. Chair Franckowiak stopped at the Center one day and he stated that the two summer workers we have this year were working hands on with the children and that it felt a lot more structured this year. The people paid a small fee/donation to attend the summer camps and Toni will give us a synopsis next month on what it cost to run the program this year.

Gnesen Newsletter-Editor Cindy Erickson said the newsletter is doing well. Supervisor Nelson mentioned that people are asking if they can still get the newsletter and Cindy stated that they can. Cindy said some people signed up at NNO to receive the newsletter.

DAT Meeting and Annual BBQ-The Duluth Area Township officers will be meeting at the Gnesen Community Center on August 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the meeting agenda and minutes are included in the Supervisor's packets.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Meeting-Zoning Officer, Robert Aho will attend the meeting on August 24th at the Public Works Building in Pike Lake. Toni will also give the information to the Planning Commission on Wednesday night at their meeting.

Plunkett's Pest Control-We received a letter that they will be treating the Town Hall and the Community Center for cluster flies this fall.

Subdivision hearing-We received a letter from St. Louis County Planning Department about a Public hearing on Thursday, August 10th for a review of a preliminary subdivision for Jay Juten in Normanna Township because we are property owners within the required notification area.

District 10 Meeting Notice-Meeting on August 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Lake Town Hall.

Workers' Compensation Program-We received a dividend check from MATIT.

Town Aid-We received a letter from the MN Department of Revenue that we will be getting Town Aid again for 2018.

Mike Blackwood Variance-We received a letter from Mike asking for a one year extension to his variance. Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, Board approved to give Mike a one year extension. Clerk will send Mike a letter letting him know the request was granted.

Printer-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, Board approved to allow Toni to spend up to \$600.00 to purchase a new printer for the office.

Crime Report-We received the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for July.

Complaint-We received a telephone call today from a resident complaining about the road in front of the Ulland gravel pit being full of mud, dirt and rocks. Clerk contacted Tim Grahek from Ulland

Brothers and Tim said he would get a sweeper out there today to clean it up. He said the mess was probably from UPI who was moving mats out of Ulland's pit.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence other than those mentioned above.

Three building permits were turned in for the month of July 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-August 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-August 17, 2017-Gnesen Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

District 10 Meeting-August 24, 2017 more info to come

Town Board Meeting-August 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Disbursements #13939 through #13964 and six Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$12,557.26 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements. Bank Balance after tonight \$363,080.83.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. with a motion by chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)