

Summary of the August 22, 2016 minutes of the bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Jon Nelson, second by Chair George Franckowiak and unanimously approved. Minutes of the August 8, 2016 Town Board Meeting were given to the Town Board to review. They will be placed on the agenda for approval at the September 12, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roof repair at the Community Center-Supervisor Nelson made a motion to award the contract for roof repair for up to \$25,000.00 with change order and Chair Franckowiak supervising. Supervisor Opack suggested an end date. Supervisor Nelson amended his motion to include "with the stipulation that the work be done before November 1, 2016." Supervisor Opack seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

P&Z Violation-Our attorney, Mike Couri is working on the summons and complaint action on the P&Z violation.

Storm damage/insurance on Gnesen Community Center-We will be getting quotes for the damage repair.

Disaster Emergency Plan-After much discussion on getting a plan together, it was decided that we would form a committee to work on a plan this winter. The committee could discuss what we would do in the case of emergencies such as floods; blizzards; hazardous waste spills; and etc. It was mentioned to have defibrillators at each site.

National Night Out Recap-We served around 130 people. There were nine people who donated blood to the Memorial Blood Center. We received many compliments on a fun and enjoyable evening.

Summer Youth Program-The program is done for the year.

Reminders-District 10 Meeting, Thursday, August 25, 2016 6:00 p.m. Grand Lake Town Hall.

Township Legal Seminar-Saturday, October 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cotton Town Hall.

State of local emergency-The fire department is working on their report of monies expended for clean-up after the storm and will get it to the Town Clerk. Toni will prepare our report of monies expended and we will complete the form and get it returned by September 10, 2016.

Future foreseeable expenses-At a previous Town Board Meeting, Treasurer, Paul Glaesemann requested that a list be put together for future foreseeable expenses. Much discussion followed on possible repairs to the Community Center such as; electrical and lighting in the gym; the gym floor; and the roof. These would be our top priority for foreseeable projects. Supervisor Nelson stated that maybe we could tie this into making the building a site for emergencies, if we have to do matching dollars for a grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

New 9-1-1 addressing requirement-We received a letter from St. Louis County Office of the Sheriff addressing requirement for new road name in Gnesen Township. Because the County's addressing guidelines call for shared drives used by 3 or more addressed properties to be names, they have proposed "Archer Drive" for the road that provides access to the Duluth Archery Club as well as three private properties with addressed structures. The current property owners unanimously agree on this proposed name, so the Town Board has no objections to the County naming it Archer Drive.

Snowplowing the lanes over by Eagle Lake and the Community Center parking lot and the skating rink-Supervisor Opack will be the person doing the plowing of the lanes to see if he is interested in doing the snowplowing again and we will discuss it at the September 12th meeting.

Land apply wood ash and/or lime-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 a property in Gnesen Township.

November General Election-There will be a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in Minnesota “Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove state lawmaker’s power to set their own salaries and instead establish an independent, citizens-only council to prescribe salaries of lawmakers?” Yes or No.

Pioneer Road-Supervisor Opack stated that he and our grader operator removed the post that was sticking up out of the blacktop. Also, the Clerk will contact the company that does striping to have them stripe the Pioneer Road.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence were received.

Disbursements were read, approved and signed for payment by Supervisor Nelson, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)