Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, August 28, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

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 14, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting and the Emergency Planning Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>P&Z matter-</u>Our attorney said he expects the court order in the next few weeks.

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

<u>Tarnowski Road-</u>Supervisor Opack stated the work is completed and the Clerk will send the homeowner the bill for the culvert and Class 5.

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

Island Lake Drive-The tree trimming has been completed.

<u>Community Center tree cutting</u>-Supervisor Opack postponed the tree cutting until the lawn dries up so it doesn't leave ruts in the lawn.

<u>Turnaround on Eden Lane-Supervisor Opack has not heard back from the land owner.</u>

<u>Turnarounds</u>-We have received the signed turnaround agreements from four property owners and are still waiting for two others. Supervisor Opack will follow up with the two property owners. <u>Noxious weeds-</u>Tom Haller sent an email telling Kristen Fogard, with St. Louis County Land & Minerals Department, where he has identified spotted knapweed. Kristen responded that she is aware of the roads and locations and needs to confirm ownership.

District 10 Meeting-Clerk Haller gave a brief summary of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #17-09-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and unanimously adopted the resolution in support of the grant for Century Link's application for a Fiber to the Home build out in Gnesen Township. Supervisor Nelson gave a brief summary of the Century Link Broadband Development. Supervisor Nelson has asked Pete Stauber, Tom Bakk and Rod Eklund to write letters of support and Toni Blomdahl, Deputy Clerk will send out a mass email asking Gnesen Residents to send letters of support.

<u>Attorney's fee rates-</u>We received a letter from Couri & Ruppe that their legal service rates will increase.

<u>Snowplowing agreement with St. Louis County-</u>We received a letter from the Public Works Department replacing our current "Exhibit A" in the Maintenance Agreement-Mileage on Island Lake Drive was increased from .45 to .55 miles.

<u>Minutes-</u>Discussion followed on whether to have the official signed and approved minutes published in the Gnesen Newsletter or just a summary as we are currently doing and it was decided to continue submitting just the summary.

<u>Petty Cash-</u>The Office of the State Auditor suggest that we can set up a petty cash fund and appoint a "custodian" of the fund. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson to approve a Petty Cash fund with the new Treasurer, Mary Bjorklund, as the custodian.

Renting out the old garage at the Town Hall-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, with Supervisor Opack abstaining to rent the garage to Valentini's Restaurant for \$100.00 a month starting in October. The garage will need to be cleaned.

<u>Island Lake Campground-</u>Zoning Officer, Robert Aho and Supervisor Dave Opack did an inspection of the campground and found violations of the campgrounds Conditional Use Permit. <u>Fall Maintenance Expo in St. Cloud-</u>No one is able to attend.

MAT Training Session on "Explore Ways to Help during a Mental Health Crisis-No one is able to attend this training.

<u>Lawnwood Road-</u>We received two calls that beavers are flooding the road. Supervisor Opack will follow up on this.

<u>Waters of Life proposal-</u>Supervisor Nelson informed the Board of a meeting August 29th at 10:00 a.m. at WOL Church to review their proposal.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence other than those mentioned above were received.

Upcoming Meetings:

Public test of the voting machines-September 6, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.

Town Board Meeting and Fire Department Public hearing-September 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. School Board Elections-September 12, 2017. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Conditional Use Permit Review and Planning Commission Meeting-September 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)