

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

December 11, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, December 11, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall. The following officers were present:

Dave Opack	Supervisor
Jon Nelson	Vice Chair
Toni Blomdahl	Deputy Clerk
Mary Bjorklund	Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Jon Nelson. The Town Board and Town Employees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Dave Opack, second by Vice Chair Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the November 27, 2017 Town Board meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Vice Chair Jon Nelson.

Treasurer's report:

Balance for October 2017	\$349,975.36
Receipts for November 2017	+ 1,012.54
	<u>\$350,987.90</u>
Disbursements for November 2017	- 18,741.04
Balance for November 2017	<u>\$332,246.86</u>

Motion by Supervisor Opack second by Vice Chair Nelson, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were two outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$2,268.18.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Generator for Community Center- Kurt stated he spoke with John Stephen and he is waiting for us to sign the contract before he will do the work. Vice Chair Nelson stated the board has already motioned approval for the work to be done. Kurt will forward the contract to Toni so Vice Chair Nelson can sign the contract and keep the project moving forward.

Roof at the Community Center- Supervisor Opack stated he does not have any update on the roof at this time. Kurt stated the repair Jamar did, seems to be holding as we had some rain the other day and there was no water on the gym floor.

CDBG Grant Application- Vice Chair Nelson stated he received the numbers from Robert Aho for a possible family bathroom, shower, and wheel chair lift which he used in submitting the grant application for \$55,000 which is a 70/30% match request. Vice Chair Nelson stated the CDBG grant presentations would be mid January sometime.

Broadband Follow-up- Vice Chair Nelson stated he has not heard back from Troy from CenturyLink, to look at the scoring sheets to find out why Gnesen did not receive the grant for broadband. Vice Chair Nelson will follow up with Troy again.

P&Z matter- Robert Aho, Gnesen Zoning Officer stated he has an appointment set for this Thursday with the property owner to tour his property to see if he has complied with the signed agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller was not in attendance at the meeting and did not have anything to report. Toni stated we have not received any complaints regarding the roads. Supervisor Opack stated he has not heard any complaints either.

Gnesen Community Center-Building Manager Toni Blomdahl stated a group of UMD students presented a Long Range Facility Plan for the Community Center which was attended by several people including the Town Board Supervisors. Toni asked if the board would like to hold a special meeting to go over the

presented plan and recommendations to formulate an implementation plan. The Board agreed we can discuss it at the next Board meeting in January and no special meeting is necessary. Toni stated the

furnaces were cleaned at the center and one is in need of repairs so Jody Cooke from D.G. Solem and Sons was at the center last Friday working on the furnace. Kurt stated he believes the furnace has been repaired and is operational. Toni stated the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department has started flooding the rink at the center but it is not ready yet.

Gnesen Newsletter- Newsletter Editor Cindy Erickson submitted a report regarding the website and the number of visitors that have been viewing the different pages.

FEMA Modernization workshop- Toni stated there is a FEMA workshop that is planned for January 18, 2018 which will go over floodplain mapping and interpreting flood maps and Robert would like to attend. The Board agreed Robert should attend.

Filing for Town Office- Vice Chair Nelson stated the filing period is open January 2, 2018 through January 16, 2018 and his term expires in March 2018. Vice Chair Nelson stated he is planning on filing for town office.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sheriff's Crime Report for November- The report is included in the Board's packet.

St. Louis County Comprehensive Plan Update- Toni stated the county would like to incorporate Gnesen's Comp Plan with their Comp Plan Updates. Toni stated we surveyed our residents in 2015 and have the results compiled but we have not technically updated our Comp Plan recently. Supervisor Opack stated he thinks we should form a sub-committee to work on updating our Comp Plan with members of the Planning Commission.

SLCAT-Minutes and meeting schedule.

Two building permits were turned in for the month of November 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting, December 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm

Town Board Meeting, December 25, 2017 – CANCELLED

Town Board Meeting, January 8, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Town Board Meeting, January 22, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Disbursements #14055 through #14073 and five Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$35,739.28 with a motion by Vice Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. with a motion by Vice Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

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