

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

December 12, 2016

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at the Gnesen Town Hall. The following officers were present:

George I. Franckowiak	Chair
Dave Opack	Supervisor
Jon Nelson	Supervisor
Toni Blomdahl	Deputy Clerk
Paul Glaesemann	Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. 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 Jon Nelson, second by Supervisor David Opack and unanimously approved. Minutes of the November 14, 2016 and the November 28, 2016 meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Shaw matter-Our attorney, with the assistance of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department is trying to serve the complaint on the Shaw's. He will notify us once it has been served.

Community Block Grant- A motion to approve Resolution 16-12 Authorizing Submission of CDBG Application was made by Supervisor Nelson with a second by Chair Franckowiak. All vote in favor. Supervisor Nelson submitted an application for an accessibility grant for the bathrooms, front stoop, and front door at the Town Hall and a wheel chair lift at the Community Center. Supervisor Nelson stated we should know sometime in January if we received the grant.

David Humes-Gil Kjorstad, Zoning Official, stated he spoke with our attorney regarding this matter and will forward the photos we have of the property and letters we have sent to Mr. Humes to start legal proceedings. Gil stated Mr. Humes has more than the allowed 2 unlicensed vehicles on his property and is in violation of our Zoning Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller stated he hasn't checked the roads recently but has been looking for downed trees on the roads. Supervisor Opack stated storm blow downs will continue to be a problem all winter and noted Scott from the county will contact us when there is a problem and we will have to address it at that time. Supervisor Opack stated the county noted our turnarounds are soft and they are having issues with the Crescent Road turnaround. Supervisor Opack will contact the property owner to see if we can cut down some trees on their property so the plows can turnaround easier.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl asked the Board if they are interested in purchasing recycle bins for the center or the town hall. After much discussion it was decided Toni should contact Hartel's to see what they can offer us. Toni stated she is using signup genius to assist in gym rentals this winter and noted she may have someone interested in the skating rink attendant position and has an interview scheduled with them. Toni asked to clarify if a donation the community center received this year was designated for any particular purpose.

Supervisor Opack noted the donation was for whatever the center needs. Toni stated she has a softball group that would like to hang a batting cage in the gym and is willing to donate some supplies and their time to install it so Toni will use some of the donation for this project.

Gnesen News-Cindy Erickson stated she has nothing to report tonight.

Annual Town Election- Chair Franckowiak and Treasurer Glaesemann are up for re-election. The filing period is January 3rd through the 17th. The question of appointing the town treasurer, as opposed to electing them, will be placed on the ballot as well in March.

Board of Appeals Training- Clerk Haller included an email with information on training for the Board of Appeals. All three Supervisors are up-to-date on their training and Supervisor Opack's training expires on July 1, 2017.

Emergency Disaster Preparedness Plan-Chair Franckowiak stated we need to start working on the plan. Chair Franckowiak stated he will talk to the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department members to see who would like to be on the committee and asked we put an ad in our newsletter to see if any community members are interested in being on the committee. Clerk Haller will write an ad for the newsletter.

Logging on Church Road- Supervisor Opack stated Andy Kordiak from St. Louis County Forestry called him and asked if we would allow them to put road closed signs on the portion of Church Road that is minimum maintenance as the logging company will be plowing it so they can use it to complete the timber sale but they don't want the public to use that portion of the road. All Supervisors agreed the county could put the road closed signs up. Supervisor Nelson requested we send a courtesy letter to the residents on the Church Road north of the West Pioneer Road letting them know the logging operation is taking place and to proceed with caution while traveling the road. Clerk Haller will send the letter to the residents.

Fire Department Bond- Supervisor Nelson stated he did some research on financing options for the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department's truck purchase and noted they can get an interest free bond. Supervisor Nelson provided the clerk and the fire department with the contact information for the bond attorney he spoke to.

St. Louis County Special Event Permit- Deputy Clerk Blomdahl shared with the Board a copy of a St. Louis County issued Special Event Permit for the Beargrease race. Deputy Clerk Blomdahl stated the county requires a special event permit anytime an event will be using one of their county roads. Deputy Clerk Blomdahl stated it was just for informational purposes only.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Four pieces of correspondence were received.

Two building permits were turned in for the month of November 2016.

Disbursements #13729 through #13756 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$41,147.26 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m. with a motion by Chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)