

Summary of the bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Gnesen Town Hall. The following officers were present: George I. Franckowiak, Dave Opack, Jon Nelson, Lottie Haller and Paul Glaesemann.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. The Town Board, Town Employees and one resident stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Dave Opack, second by Supervisor Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the January 9, 2017 and January 23, 2017 Town Board meetings and the January 30th Board of Audit Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were no outstanding checks for the month.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Department request-The Fire Department is in the process of purchasing a new fire truck and wanted to discuss their 2017 Fire Contract with us. Supervisor Nelson noted that \$12,000.00 was put into a reserve fund at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to renew their contract for \$48,000.00 per year plus an additional \$1,000.00 per month starting with the first month that they have a payment due on the new truck.

P&Z matter-We received an email from our attorney with answers to the complaint he filed on behalf of the Township.

P&Z matter-Our attorney emailed a copy of a Public Nuisances Ordinance for the P&Z Board to look over and see if this is something we want to implement.

Annual Town Election-George Franckowiak has filed for the Supervisor position and Paul Glaesemann has filed for the Treasurer position. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, March 14th. The Polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Clerk will do a Public Accuracy Test on Wednesday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m. on the Automark voting machine. Absentee voting is open from February 10-March 13th. The Town Office will be open on March 11th from 10:00 a.m. until noon and on March 13th from 8:30 until 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Plan-The Fire Department is updating their plan and will get the plan to the Town Board to look at.

P&Z matter-Variance and Road Vacate bill has been paid in full.

Ferrellgas Propane Tank-The barriers have been installed in front of the tank as required by the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department and Mark Norrell has been issued a permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller stated he did a road inspection today and the roads are in good driving condition. He noted no issues with water problems. Supervisor Opack stated that the ditching on Crescent Drive and Musolf Road has been completed. Supervisor Opack mentioned a hole in the Musolf Road and he made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, Board approved to purchase six 28" red cones to have when we need to mark the road as the ones we have are old. Supervisor Opack stated that we will have to reassess the culvert on Crescent Drive this summer. St. Louis County contacted Chair Franckowiak with a concern about the water getting high on Lawnwood Road. Supervisor Opack will monitor that issue. Supervisor Opack stated that we will

have to do some brushing on the Lawnwood Road as the branches are hitting the strobe lights on the County's snowplows. We received an email from Vic Lund, St. Louis County Traffic Engineer, explaining that the County is eliminating, through attrition, route marker signs for township roads that are located on County roads as they are not required.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl stated that the warming house attendant has started. The roof repair seems to be working because we had no leaks. Supervisor Nelson asked about the pipes freezing up in the bathrooms at the Center and it was suggested that we insulate with 4 x 8 sheets of insulation on the outside and remove them in the spring.

Appoint election judges-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pass Resolution #17-03 appointing election judges for the Annual Township Election.

Outdoor Recreation Grant Program-Toni Blomdahl, Deputy Clerk has not submitted a proposal yet.

Liquor License-Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, Board approved to approve the request for renewal of 2017-2018 Intoxicating Liquor License for Cheryl Seeley d/b/a Sportsmens Inn.

Minnesota Power-We received a letter from Minnesota Power about a Notice of and Order for Hearing for rate review.

Aggregate Crushing and Maintenance Striping Programs for 2017-The Town Board will not participate in the program this year.

Special Flood Hazard Area-We received a letter from REMA stating that the property located at 6221 Rice Lake Road will remain in the Special Flood Hazard Area.

Short Course-The 2017 Spring Short Course will be held in Carlton, MN on April 7th. The Supervisors will notify the Clerk if they will be able to attend.

Records Retention Schedule-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved to destroy the W2's from 1993-2010; W4's from 1991-2003; 1099's from 1994-2010; W3's from 1994-2010; 941's for 2002; and Claims for 2010.

Public Nuisances Ordinance-The Board was given a copy of a Public Nuisance Ordinance to look at and they will discuss it at the February 27th Town Board Meeting after the P&Z Board has looked at it.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nine pieces of correspondence were received.

One building permits was turned in for the month of January 2017.

Disbursements #13785 through #13810 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$15,860.13 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Chair Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)