

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

February 27, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, February 27, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Jon Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Dave Opack, second by Chair George Franckowiak and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Emergency Plan-Tammi Salo, from the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department, submitted their emergency plan. The Town Board Members were given a copy and they will review the plan over the next couple of weeks. We will discuss their plan and any additional plans that we would like to incorporate into the plan at the March 13th meeting.

P&Z matter-We received an email from our attorney, Mike Couri, and he stated that he has received the affidavits of service from the County Sheriff's Office and he will file the matter with the St. Louis County District either February 23rd or 24th. He will copy us on the documents once they are filed with the court.

P&Z matter-We received an email from our attorney with a letter he wanted the Town Board to review and he stated he would send it out February 24th if the Town Board thought that the contents were accurate. Supervisor Opack thought the letter was too broad and he feels we need to concentrate on one issue as the P&Z Commission suggested. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak and Board approved to have the attorney redraft the letter with the focus just on the motor vehicle violation. Supervisor Opack suggested that the new draft be approved by the Supervisors before it is sent out.

Public Nuisance Ordinance-The Town Board was given a copy of a draft Ordinance sent to us by our attorney. Supervisor Opack and several P&Z Members felt this ordinance was not the right fit for our township. Supervisor Opack suggested that we ask the P&Z if anyone would be interested in examining the ordinance to come up with a Public Nuisance Ordinance that fits our community.

State Disaster funding-Supervisor Nelson stated that he has heard back from the Public Assistance Engineer, Wayne Lamoreaux and Wayne stated that it appears that some of the costs Supervisor Nelson submitted are for a storm which occurred prior to the July 21st storm. The State Disaster funding for St. Louis County is for the July 21st storm, so therefore any costs for services performed prior to the July 21st storm from the July 5th and 6th storms are not eligible for reimbursement.

Community Block Grant Meeting-Supervisor Opack asked when we would hear something on the grant and Supervisor Nelson stated that the County will be going over them in March to make the final approvals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Local Board of Appeals & Equalization- The Town Clerk has contacted the Assessor's Office to see if we can get the LBAE Meeting rescheduled for a later date as one of the Supervisors would not be able to be in attendance. The Clerk will keep the Town Board abreast of what the new schedule will be.

Township attorney-Supervisor Opack has contacted a local attorney about representing the township. We received an email from Maki and Overom with a legal services proposal. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to recommend Couri and Ruppe and Maki and Overom as attorneys to represent the township.

P&Z Ordinance update-Gunnar Johnson submitted a motion to the Planning & Zoning requesting that the Gnesen Town Board authorize the P&Z Commission to spend \$425.00 to hire John Powers for zoning review scoping. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak to approve the \$425.00 expense.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for January-We received an email with the crime report for Gnesen Township for January.

CORRESPONDENCE:

St. Louis County Association of Townships meeting minutes, agenda, letter with a change to the representation of the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council; and a resolution they would like townships to review and if approved, they will send it onto the L&R for consideration. The Resolution is for Timely Notification to Townships.

Email-St. Louis County Commissioners have authorized the distribution of \$853,449.00 of state funds for projects that will prevent the introduction and limit the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in lakes and rivers in St. Louis County.

Reminder-Next Town Board Meeting is March 13, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. and the Duluth Area Townships Meeting is on March 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Rice Lake City Hall.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)