

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

January 9, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, January 9, 2017, 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 Dave Opack, second by Supervisor Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the December 12, 2016 and the December 26, 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:

P&Z matter-Property owners attorney has answered the complaint and our attorney is working on this.

Community Block Grant- Supervisor Nelson made a presentation on our request on January 4th in Mt. Iron, MN. and he will be back there on the 11th to answer any questions and to address the issue of our tax base. Supervisor Nelson stated we should know sometime in February if we received the grant.

P&Z matter-Our attorney is working on this matter.

Annual Town Election-Filing closes on January 17th.

Reminder-We will work on the emergency plan at our bi-monthly meeting January 23rd. The clerk has received a call from someone who is interested in helping the township prepare an emergency plan.

Weed Inspector-Supervisor Nelson talked with Kristin Fogard, the new County Ag Inspector and she stated that most townships are just training their grader operator to recognize the noxious weeds and take care of them when they locate them. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to have our grader operator as the weed inspector. Supervisor Nelson will handle getting the forms emailed to Kristen.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency-The MPCA announced an official public comment period, from December 19, 2016 thru February 2, 2017 on proposed amendment. The Town Board had no comments to submit.

Conditional Use Permit-The CUP for Suzie's Greenhouse was approved by the Town Board with the conditions imposed by the P&Z Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller reported that all roads were open and clear. Tom noted that there was no water backing up on Lawnwood or Musolf Road. He also noted that the road number signs are missing for a number of our roads. The clerk will contact the county about this matter. The Berg Road name sign has been installed by the county and the trucks have been moved out of the way for snowplowing on the lanes.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl reported that she has hired a skating rink attendant and he will man the warming house on Friday night and Saturday night.

Gnesen News-Cindy Erickson stated that we have 101 people requesting the newsletter by email and 315 receiving it by mail. Cindy reported that our website is being used.

Duluth Area Townships Meeting-The Board was given the 2017 schedule for DAT Meetings, the agenda for the January 19th meeting and the minutes for October.

Liquor License-The Town Board went over the requests for 2017-2018 liquor license renewal. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, Board approved to grant the request for the following liquor license: A. P. Liquor, Boondock's Saloon & Grill, Gnesen Convenience Store, LLC, Island Lake Inn and Silver Fox Lodge. They will be sent to the County for final approval.

Outdoor Recreation Grant Program-The DNR is offering the Outdoor Grant Program again and the Deputy Clerk will submit an application.

Board of Audit Meeting-January 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Three pieces of correspondence were received.

One building permit was turned in for the month of December 2016.

Disbursements #13757 through #13784 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$10,709.16 with a motion by Chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Chair Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)