

Summary of the bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at Gnesen Town Hall.

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, second and unanimously approved. Minutes of the June 13, 2016 and June 27, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Motion , second, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Roof repair-Because of the recent storm that devastated areas in Gnesen and caused damage to several homes, we will wait for the contractors to have some time to get us quotes on doing the repair at the Community Center.

Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case-We received a partial payment for the amount that has been assessed to a property owner.

Fireworks sales-For future information-We have "Temporary outdoor sales" in our Ordinance, which are permitted with Performance Standards in Shoreline Commercial and Highway Commercial. Clerk Haller also contacted the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and they stated permits would go through the township and it shouldn't be a problem unless the fireworks aren't legal in Minnesota and the Sheriff's Office monitors that to make sure no illegal fireworks are sold.

P&Z Violation-Deputy Clerk Blomdahl sent a registered letter to the P&Z violator telling him to appear before the Town Board either July 11<sup>th</sup> or July 28<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Haller talked to the Sheriff's Office about delivering a letter to the violator and they said that would be a Civil issue and that they do serve those documents but wouldn't just take a letter to someone. If the violator does not comply, we will have to pursue this with our lawyer.

Ordinance 60-Copies of St. Louis County Ordinance 60 were given to the Town Board to look at and comment if they see anything that needs changes.

Fire Department payment-There was discussion on whether we had made a motion to pay the fire department in two installments instead of one at the end of the year. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay in two installments. At the Annual Meeting held in March of this year it was voted to start putting some money in a reserve account for when the fire department will need a new fire truck. Treasurer Glaesemann will check into how we want to do this.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Storm damage-St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department personnel, Jason Meyer and Pete Eckman contacted the town clerk to let her know they would be hauling trees off the roads and putting them in two county gravel pits. They will have a logger come in to either take the logs or chip them up. St. Louis County Commissioner Pete Stauber called to say they have Sentence to Serve people who will help remove trees if we need them.

Storm Tree removal on Township roads and Community Center and repairs at the Center- Clerk Haller contacted our MAT Insurance to assess the damages to the garage roof, the fence on the tennis court and the baseball field dug-out. Supervisor Opack and Supervisor Nelson talked to Rick's Tree Stump Removal about removing trees from the right-of-ways so they don't interfere with snowplowing this winter. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak,

all in favor to engage Rick's Tree Stump Removal to clear the blow down on township roads back far enough so it doesn't interfere with snowplowing. A Township Supervisor will be advising Rick as to what trees should be removed. Supervisor Nelson also made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor that if the insurance company is going to cover the Community Center damage, to go ahead and use Rick's to remove the trees. Deputy Clerk Blomdahl stated that if the tree damages a structure, the insurance will usually pay for tree removal. Treasurer Glaesemann asked if there would be any help from the State and Supervisor Nelson stated he would talk to Pete Stauber and see if there is any help to finance clean-up. Chair Franckowiak will talk to Wade Poppenberg about repairing the garage roof.

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller stated that the frost boils on the Pioneer Road are still soft. The roads are cleared of fallen trees so we can put chloride on them. We will finish putting gravel on in the fall. Tom received a call about a tree leaning on Park Lane and he will go in the morning and if it is threatening the power lines, he will contact Minnesota Power. We will talk about making an emergency plan for events such as this last storm at our July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Supervisor Opack stated that on West Pioneer Road the fence post is coming up again, which we have cut off three times already. Supervisor Opack and Tom will remove the post.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl stated that she hired Yvonne Hansen to run the Summer Youth Program along with Colin Hietapelto. National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00-8:00 p.m. Supervisor Opack said there is a need for practice fields for soccer.

Gnesen Community Newspaper-Cindy Erickson, Editor said she had a request to have a column for items to sell. Chair Franckowiak stated that if there is room and they pay the price for an ad that would be fine. Cindy said the website is up and running and people are using it, mostly for Planning & Zoning information.

Election judges-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to appoint election judges for the Primary Election on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Crime Report-We received the activity report for June 2016.

Lawyers fees-We received a letter from Couri & Ruppe stating the hourly rates will be increased.

DAT Meeting-The Duluth Area Townships meeting will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Rice Lake City Hall.

Propane prices-Clerk Haller called and locked the township in for \$.999 per gallon.

Cell tower-P&Z Officer Kjorstad reported that someone is requesting to put in a 300 foot cell tower off Tracy Road. Gil stated they will have to go through the Conditional Use Permit process.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence were received.

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

Disbursements #13565 through #13595 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$28,419.95 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

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Lottie Haller, Clerk