

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

July 24 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, July 24, 2017, at the 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 by Supervisor Jon Nelson, second by Supervisor Dave Opack and unanimously approved. Minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Treasurer Position-The Town Board has reviewed both applications. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson and unanimously approved to hire Mary Bjorklund. Chair Franckowiak stated that there will be a six month probation period for this position, the same as the recently hired Zoning Officer's position. Clerk will contact Mary telling her she is hired and send a Thank You note to Jan Zigich. Supervisor Opack said to notify Treasurer Glaesemann and he can set up a time to start training Mary. The Township will compensate both Paul and Mary during the training period.

Musolf Road update-Supervisor Opack stated he meet with the property owner, and the property owner agreed to give the township the additional space we need for our turnaround. The property mentioned the possibility of taking over the Musolf Road himself. Clerk will check into the process of turning the road over to the property owner and Supervisor Opack will keep in contact with him. Chair Franckowiak gave a summary on the history of Musolf Road.

Tarnowski Road-Supervisor Opack got prices for the culvert and Class 5 and the land owner has agreed to pay for it. Supervisor Opack will set up a time for our grader operator, Tom Haller, and Mike Grubb to get the work done.

Beaver dam on Turner Road-Supervisor Opack stated the water in Little Schultz Lake is up against the township road and about 4 inches from the top of our culvert. Supervisor Opack placed a call to the DNR and they said the water table at this time is within the bubble. Discussion followed on solving the problem.

CDBG-Supervisor Nelson has not had time to follow up with Steve Nelson but will report on it at our next meeting

Emergency shelter-Supervisor Nelson has not had time to follow up with Dewey Johnson and the Red Cross or write an article for the Gnesen Newspaper but he will have it for next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Archer Drive-A property owner asked the Town Board about the process to have the township take over their private driveway. Supervisor Opack told him that the road would have to be brought up to St. Louis County specifications by the residents on the road, which would cost a lot of money and then they would need a petition from all the residents on the road and that is still not a guarantee that the township would take it over. Supervisor Nelson stated that there are several private roads in the township that would want us to take over their roads, so we don't want to set a precedence.

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

Updates to the Zoning Ordinance-The Planning & Zoning Commission submitted the updated Zoning Ordinance for approval/denial/changes to the Town Board. A resident read a letter he has written, as a private citizen, about a concern he has with the current revisions, especially the Planned Unit Development portion. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and unanimously approved to accept the recommended updates to the Zoning Ordinance with the elimination of 10.202, which will be sent back to the Planning Commission to revisit and if they decide they want the PUD

section in the ordinance, they can submit it when we do our next update. Carter Williams stated that they are making a procedural booklet to make the ordinance easier to follow.

Snowplowing agreement with St. Louis County-Supervisor Opack is concerned about paragraph 1.3 “If, at any time, the County determines that any portion of a roadway becomes unsafe to snowplow or perform other maintenance duties...that portion of the roadway may be stricken from this agreement upon seven (7) days written notice to the township.” Much discussion followed on this matter regarding the township doing our own snowplowing or staying with the County. We will stay with St. Louis County for the 2017-2018 snowplowing season.

CORRESPONDENCE:

One piece of correspondence was received.

Upcoming Meetings:

National Night Out-August 1, 2017 at the Community Center 5:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-August 14, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Zoning Commission Meeting-August 16, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-August 17, 2017-Rice Lake City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

District 10 Meeting-August 24, 2017 more info to come

Town Board Meeting-August 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 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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