

Summary of the bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, June 13, 2016, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

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.

A Motion to approve the agenda was moved, second and unanimously approved. Minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting and the May 23, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved. The minutes of the May 24, 2016 Road Review Meeting and the May 5, 2016 Board of Appeals Summary Minutes were given to the Town Board to review.

Motion was moved, second and Board approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Orderly annexation agreement with the City of Rice Lake-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to approve the Orderly Annexation Agreement.

Roof Repair-We received one quote from Perrault Construction and are still waiting for more quotes.

Malware protection-Treasurer Glaesemann has ordered the Norton Security Protection for Small Businesses and will put it on our computers this week.

P&Z matter-The RV has been removed from the property.

Potholes by St. Joseph's Church-The church members did some patching there. Supervisor Opack met with Asphalt of Duluth and got some quotes about this concern and our other concerns at the Town Hall and Community Center parking lots and the apron at the start of Sunshine Lake Road. Asphalt of Duluth also gave some suggestions as to what we could do on each of these matters. After reviewing the quotes that Supervisor Opack received, Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to go ahead with the pothole patching at the Town Hall and Community Center parking lots and to wait on the other concerns until Chair Franckowiak has had time to talk to the Church about their part in the blacktopping expenses in front of the church. We will also have more discussion on what projects we will undertake and what projects will be put on hold.

Summer Short Course-June 30th at Carlton, MN. Treasurer Glaesemann will attend the Short Course.

2017-Outdoor Recreation Grant-Our application was not recommended for funding this year.

Supervisor Nelson stated that next year we have some UMD students that will be helping us write up some other grants that we will apply for.

NEW BUSINESS:

Residents concerns about their roads-Kim Chart-Schultz Lake Road stated that at their lake association meeting held last week some of the residents were wondering about getting some work done on the Schultz Lake Road and the Bergstrom Road. The Supervisor told Kim that the Schultz Lake Road is a County road and he would have to contact St. Louis County on that matter. Bergstrom Road is a township road and it is slated to get gravel in the next two weeks.

Grader Operator's Road Report-Grader operator, Tom Haller, stated he has been out and touched up all our township roads and they are in good shape. We have some frost boils on the hills which are still not going back down. We have several washouts after the rain last night and he will go out and grade the roads in the next few days before we start to haul gravel. Chair Franckowiak talked to Mike Grubb and he will be available to work next Friday and Saturday to haul gravel. The town clerk will contact Vic Lund from St. Louis County to see who they are contracting with to do their striping and will get some prices on doing fog lines on West Pioneer Road.

Gnesen Community Center-Building Manager Toni Blomdahl stated that she sent out a mass email today looking for help with the National Night Out event on August 2, 2016. Toni has not found anyone to run the Summer Youth Program. If she doesn't find someone this week, there will be no Summer Youth Program this year. When Supervisor Opack met with Asphalt of Duluth they mentioned the new upcoming sport of Pickleball. There was some discussion on turning one of the tennis courts into a Pickleball court. If we see that there is a big interest in Pickleball, we will discuss this more. Supervisor Nelson suggested that we include converting the court in our DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant application for next year.

Gnesen Newspaper-There was discussion on the need for the newspaper to go to fourteen pages this month as there is so much information that needs to go in this month. Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to go to 14 pages and include the article that was submitted about playground chemicals. Chair Franckowiak would also like an article included about making sure your 911 signs are visible and easy for the Fire Department to see if they need to respond to your house.

Population and household changes-We received a letter from the State Demographic Center with estimated population and household changes. If we agree with their estimated, we don't need to respond. Population estimate-1,735; household estimated 713. (Up 6 people and 4 houses from 2014) We do not wish to challenge these amounts.

St. Louis River Watershed 2016 Meeting Series-June 26th at 2:00 p.m. at Canosia Town Hall. "What's Stressing our Streams?" The clerk will also give the information to the P&Z Board.

Board of Appeals-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to destroy Board of Appeals correspondence from 1986 through 2008 as per the records retention schedule.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Five pieces of correspondence were received, which included Fredenberg, Lakewood and Duluth Township newsletters; the May Crime Activity in Gnesen Report from St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and the 2016 Annual Report from the St. Louis County Attorney's Office.

Five building permit were turned in for the month of May 2016.

Disbursements #13537 through #13564 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$22,866.60 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m. with a motion by Chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Nelson. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Disclaimer statement-The minutes of the meeting published in this paper are not official as they have not been read and approved by the Town Board.

Lottie Haller, Clerk

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GNESEN TOWN BOARD MEETINGS
JUNE 27, 2016
AND
JULY 11th and JULY 25th, 2016
8:00 P.M.
GNESEN TOWN HALL

GNESEN PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
JULY 20, 2016
7:00 P.M.
GNESEN TOWN HALL
