

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

June 26, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Gnesen Town Board was held on Monday, June 26, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

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

Minutes for the June 12, 2017 Town Board Meeting were approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Officer Position-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson and unanimously approved to appoint Robert Aho as the new Zoning Officer to take Gil Kjorstad's position. Chair Franckowiak stated that we have a six month probation period starting on July 5, 2017. Robert asked a few questions about what his responsibilities/requirements are as the new Zoning Officer. Robert will meet with Gil and Toni Blomdahl to discuss these responsibilities/requirements. Supervisor Nelson thanked Gil for his 14 ½ years as the Zoning Officer. Clerk will put a thank you to Gil in our August Newsletter.

Meeting with the County to inspect our roads-Supervisor Opack meet with two County employees and they drove our townships roads noting what they would like fixed in order to plow our township roads with their new trucks. There were several turn-arounds that are on private property and we will need to send the landowners a form letter from the County and the Township getting permission to use the turnarounds. There are also some trees that will need to be trimmed so they don't damage the strobe lights on the County's equipment. Supervisor Opack contacted Rick's Tree Service and requested they go look at Island Lake Drive to give us an estimate on what it will cost to trim the trees. Supervisor Opack went over the list from the County of the suggested improvements. We will have more discussion on this issue at our next month's meeting. There was a lengthy discussion on what it would cost to do our own snowplowing. Toni will try to get a summary of what City of Rice Lake spends to do their snowplowing.

Community Development Block Grant-Supervisor Nelson stated that we are going to get the grant money that we were awarded and he will contact the contractors to get the work on their schedules.

Road review-Clerk handed out a list reflecting the amount of gravel applied to township roads. Grader operator Tom Haller has talked with Dust Doctors to apply the calcium chloride within the next week. After the calcium chloride has been applied, Tom will start mowing the township roadsides.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Three pieces of correspondence were reviewed.

Upcoming Meetings:

Summer Short Course-June 29, 2017 in Carlton, MN

Emergency Planning Committee Meeting-July 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Town Board Meeting-July 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

(Variance hearing-July 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.-tentative)

P&Z Meeting-July 19, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-July 24, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

National Night Out-August 1, 2017-5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitor attending the meeting was: Robert Aho. Employee attending the meeting was: Toni Blomdahl.