

Summary of the March 14, 2016 Gnesen Town Board Meeting Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. The Town Board, Town Employees and four residents stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack and unanimously approved. Minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved as presented with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were no outstanding checks, but there was an \$18.87 correction to an electronic transfer transaction because of a credit to the account.)

We suspended the agenda to hear from two Gnesen property owners who came before the Town Board with concerns about a property line setback. After much discussion, the Town Board decided that they will contact our lawyer and inquire whether a lease agreement would correct the property line setback. The Town Clerk will pass the information on to the Planning & Zoning Board when she receives the lawyer's comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning violation-The Supervisors were given a copy of the language to enforce cost recovery. This language will be added to our Zoning Ordinance.

CVII Meeting-Supervisor Nelson has not been able to contact Two Harbors Coop Light & Power yet.

Health Regional Wellness Center-Supervisor Nelson attended the meeting updating everyone on the progress of the Center. They are optimistic that they will get the bonding and the building will be up and running by 2017. Supervisor Nelson and P&Z Member Sarah Stock talked to one of the members of the committee and they would be willing to start offering Y courses at our Community Center now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller reported that he did a road inspection today and they are all in need of grading, lots of pot holes. He stated that the culverts are running, except for one on Crescent Drive and he will call the County to come steam that one.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl stated that we have taken in about \$4,000.00 in donations so far so we are going to start working on the gym floor. Supervisor Nelson stated we should get some estimates for what it will cost to fix the floor joint and put down new flooring. Supervisor Opack stated that if we get these courses offered from the Y and the building is being utilized, this investment will be worthwhile. Chair Franckowiak mentioned that there is a leak in the ceiling of the Senior's Room and we should have this looked at also.

Gnesen Newspaper-There was nothing to report on the paper.

DAT Meeting-March 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice Lake City Hall.

2016 Spring Short Course-April 1, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in Carlton.

Local Board of Appeals-May 5, 2016 10:00 a.m. at the Gnesen Town Hall.

Legal Short Course-April 21, 2016 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Burnsville, MN.

Century Link-They are asking that we involve them early in the planning process for any road construction or improvements. We do not have anything lined up for this year.

Planning & Zoning motion-A motion was submitted to the Town Board requesting that the Town Board authorize the P&Z Board to spend up to \$10,000.00 on professional services to complete the update of the Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Nelson recommended that we vote the request down and send it back to the P&Z Board because we need to have the specifics of what is going to be done and bids on what that would cost. Chair Franckowiak called the question and they all voted to

oppose the motion. Supervisor Opack would like a quarterly report to present to the P&Z Board so they can see how much money comes in and how much money is spent on P&Z matters. Treasurer Paul Glaesemann will work on getting the reports together.

Resolution #16-04-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to approve the resolution adopting a Zoning Permit Fee Schedule update. The Town Clerk will ask Cindy Erickson to make the corrections to our website ordinance.

Resolution #16-05-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to approve the resolution designating official posting places as we removed the Community Center and added Boondock's as official posting places.

Resolution #16-06-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to approve the resolution authorizing application for DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant. This is a 50% match grant and the Board asked Deputy Clerk Blomdahl to bring some ideas of what we would apply for, back to the March 28th Town Board Meeting. Some suggestions were for playground equipment, soccer nets, basketball court.

Resolution #16-07-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept donations for Christmas Baskets and Treasure the Holidays.

Resolution #16-08-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to approve the resolution adopting a schedule of regular Town Board Meetings as we added another meeting a month starting in March of this year.

Orderly annexation agreement-Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to sign the orderly annexation agreement by and between the City of Rice Lake and Gnesen Township to agree not to annex us for 20 years. Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the cost to file the agreement. Supervisor Nelson stated that we should send the City of Rice Lake a Thank You for sticking to their agreement not to annex for 20 years.

Records Retention-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to destroy Claims, Worker's Comp Audits, Clerk's Register of Receipts, Receipt Books & Registers, Township Election results and ballots dating back to 1980 as allowed under the Records Retention Schedule.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Eight pieces of correspondence were received with special mention to the Crime Activity Report from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for February where it mentions mail theft in Gnesen.

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

Disbursements #13451 through #13479 and five Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$11,454.35 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m. with a motion by Chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. 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