

Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

May 22, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Gnesen Town Board was held on Monday, May 22, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

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

Minutes for the May 8, 2017 Town Board Meeting were handed out.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer's position-Treasurer Paul Glaesemann has stated that he would like to retire as the Town Treasurer. Mary Bjorklund attended tonight's meeting and turned in her resume. Vice Chair Nelson stated that we will have to advertise the position and thanked Mary for her resume.

Lawnwood Road-Supervisor Opack stated we have received no feedback on the letters that were sent to the property owners on the road. Supervisor Opack contacted Rick's Tree Service and told them that they could start the work.

Cutting edges for the grader-Grader operator Tom Haller picked up the blades and will install them when needed.

Road Review-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, Board approved to purchase up to 160 loads of gravel from Ulland's pit hauled by Mike Grubb Trucking. Town Board Supervisors noted that both signs on the West Pioneer Road state the speed limit as 35 MPH. The clerk stated that the Town Board had requested 30 MPH signs back in 2010 but Vic Lund from St. Louis County stated the road does not meet the requirements for 30 MPH, so we had the County install the 35 MPH signs.

Summer Youth Program-Building Manager Toni Blomdahl reported she is planning week-long camps for the Summer Youth Program and she will send out email surveys to see what people would like for times that the camp should be offered.

Duluth Area Townships Meeting-Clerk Haller gave a brief update on the DAT Meeting.

Community Development Block Grant-The Town Board received an email from Steve Nelson, Planning & Community Development Senior Planner stating President Trump signed the budget bill into law that provides funding for the CDBG Programs. We should know by the end of June if we get the \$22,000.00 that had been awarded to Gnesen Township previously.

Community Center Grant-Dick Haney, Ken Gilbertson, Jon Nelson and Toni Blomdahl held a meeting to discuss a collaboration between Gnesen Community Center and UMD students working on a facility plan and grant applications. Toni will follow up with Ken in August to see what the next steps are.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission opening-The Commission recommended for appointment Mr. Peter Bergman to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to appoint Pete to fill the remainder of Cheryl Larson's three-year term.

2017 Summer Short Course-The Short Course will be held on June 29th in Carlton, MN. Clerk noted this would be an opportunity for the new treasurer to attend the CTAS Training if we have hired a treasurer by then.

MAT Membership cards-Clerk handed out the membership cards and a letter explaining what the cards can be used for.

League of Minnesota Cities-We received a pamphlet from the League offering Disability Insurance and Life Insurance. Supervisors asked the Town Clerk to check into this and to see if we qualify.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office-We received the Sheriff's Department Crime report for April. Clerk will contact the person who picked up the garbage to see what the Sheriff Officer said about all the garbage they collected. Clerk will also contact WLSSD to see if they still offer the free days for dumping. Clerk was instructed to mention to WLSSD all the garbage that is being dumped on our township roads.

Health and Wellness Center-Supervisor Opack asked Vice Chair Nelson how the Health and Wellness Center proposal is progressing. Vice Chair Nelson stated that it is tied up in the bonding bill being discussed at the State currently.

Zoning Issues-Supervisor Opack provided an update from the Planning Commission Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence were reviewed.

Upcoming Meetings:

Emergency Planning Committee Meeting-June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Town Board Meeting-June 12, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

P&Z Meeting-June 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-June 26, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

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

DAT Meeting-August 17, 2017 Picnic 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m. in Rice Lake City Hall.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitor attending the meeting was: Mary Bjorklund. Employee attending the meeting was: Toni Blomdahl.