

## Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

May 8, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, May 8, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Jon Nelson. The Town Board and Town Employees stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair George Franckowiak, second by Supervisor David Opack and unanimously approved. Minutes of the April 10, 2017 and the April 24, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Franckowiak.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Supervisor Opack second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were three outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$290.34.)

### OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z matter-Our attorney, Mike Couri, has submitted a summary judgment in the property owners case and trial is set for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

P&Z matter-Property owner and his attorney find the Agreement that our attorney drafted acceptable. Supervisors read over the agreement and Vice Chair Nelson made a motion saying the agreement was acceptable to the Township, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor. The agreement will give the property owner until October 1, 2017 to comply.

Emergency Plan Committee-A meeting has been scheduled for June 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gnesen Community Center. Town clerk will email the people that have agreed to help on this committee.

Lawnwood Road-Supervisor Opack had Rick's Tree Service mark the trees that will be removed. Deputy Clerk Blomdahl notified the property owners on the Lawnwood Road of this project. As of tonight's meeting we have not received any comments back from the property owners. Supervisor Opack stated there are some beaver problems on the Turner Road. Supervisor Opack stated that one beaver has been removed so we will wait to see if that solves the problem.

Cutting edges for the grader-Supervisor Opack made a motion to purchase the blades for the grader, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor. Tom Haller was instructed to contact Titan Machinery to ask if their blades are the same brand and thickness as Pit & Quarry and if they are, go with Titan and purchase the blades.

West Pioneer Road-Clerk Haller contacted Vic Lund from the County about speeding on West Pioneer Road. Vic responded saying that every time they do a speed study for a speeding concern, they find the actual vehicle speeds are reasonable. They typically find about 10% of the vehicles exceeding a reasonable speed/speed limit. Supervisor Opack noticed that we have two different speed limits posted on this road, so we will review it when we go on our road review on Friday.

Board of Appeals Summary-We reviewed twenty-two parcel requests. Eighteen of them were "No change" and four of them were reduced.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller stated that he has graded some of the township roads and will finish grading when they dry up. Supervisor Opack reported that the ditching on the Musolf

Road is working and we will check on the culvert on Musolf Road when we do our road review. Supervisor Opack has talked to St. Louis County Land & Timber about repairing the Church Road where it was damaged due to the logging. A resident contacted Supervisor Opack and stated that he has picked up a tandem truck load of garbage (mattresses/sheetrock/copper wire covering) that people are dumping on the landing where they did the logging operation this winter. The resident told Supervisor Opack he has obtained a permit from WLSSD to bring the garbage there. Another resident helped pick up the garbage on the Church Road. The resident will get a picture of the garbage to Cindy to put in our newspaper with a comment that if you see anyone dumping garbage, you should write down their license plate number and contact the Sheriff Department. Vice Chair Nelson said to put a thank you in the paper. Supervisor Opack told Tom to gouge out the entrance with the grader so people can't get into the landing

Calcium chloride-We received an email from St. Louis County asking if we wish to take advantage of their calcium bid. Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to go with Dust Doctors for our chloride this year.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl stated she has done some grooming on the softball field. Supervisor Opack stated he will get a couple yards of top soil for the yard that was damaged due to the storm last year. Toni stated there is a big hole by the back steps that needs to be filled in. Supervisor Opack will get that filled in. Toni will talk with Jacob Nustad to see if he is interested in running the Summer Youth Program. She has also been contacted by three students who are willing to help with the program.

Liquor License-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to approve the 2017-2018 Combination On/Off-Sale/Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for RNC Sportsman Inn d/b/a Sportsmens Inn.

Dirt Work Specialists-We received a list of their prices for 2017.

Recreation area-Clerk received a phone call from Matt Ryan, from Minnesota Power, wanting to inform the Gnesen Town Board that there may be additional traffic in our Township at the Abbott Road and Hide-Away boat launches due to the closing of the recreation area in Fredenberg. They will be replacing five gates at the Island Lake Main Dam. They will be sending out a public notice and would like us to include it in our newsletter.

CenturyLink-They would like us to notify them early in the process of any planned road projects.

DAT Meeting-May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Rice Lake City Hall.

Township Legal Seminar-October 7<sup>th</sup> in the Cotton Town Hall 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence were received.

Two building permits were turned in for the month of April 2017.

Disbursements #13858 through #13882 and three Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$15,352.72 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Vice Chair Nelson, all in favor to pay the disbursements. CTAS Balance after tonight \$321,789.33.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. with a motion by Chair Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)