

## Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

November 13, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, November 13, 2017, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Jon Nelson, second by Supervisor David Opack and unanimously approved. Minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Nelson.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were three outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$425.40.)

### OLD BUSINESS:

Beaver problems-Supervisor Opack stated that the trapper has finished for the season. He caught three beavers out of Hay Creek and broke up three dams.

Generator at the Community Center-Kurt Blegen, GCC janitor reported that John Stephen said the generator he quoted us cannot go inside the garage. We would be responsible for putting a fence around it. Supervisor Nelson made a motion to proceed with the bid from Duluth Electrical Contracting Inc. to install the generator, gas supply and upgrade the service for up to \$12,000.00. Second by Chair Franckowiak and unanimously approved.

Local Road Improvement Program Application-Supervisor Opack is working on filling this out.

P&Z matter-Robert Aho, Zoning Officer, stated that he contacted the property owner and the property owner is out of the country and he will get in contact with Bob when he returns.

Ashtray containers-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak and unanimously approved to purchase four ashtray containers, approximate cost per container \$45.00. (Two containers for the Community Center and two containers for the Town Hall.)

Broadband-Supervisor Nelson stated that we should hear something about the grant by the middle of this month.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator road report-Tom Haller reported that the roads are snow covered and icy and the County was out grading some of the township roads. Tom stated that the water is running through all the culverts. Chair Franckowiak asked the Town Clerk to follow up with the property owner about the tires on Pioneer Road to see how the cleanup is progressing. Supervisor Opack received a call from Scott Olson from the County about the turn around on the Musolf Road being soft. Supervisor Opack informed Scott that we put some gravel down and this is how the road will have to be until next year.

Grader-Supervisor Opack talked with the salesman at Nortrax about the possibility of the township purchasing a grader and to keep us in mind if anyone trades a grader in.

Gnesen Community Center-Supervisor Opack had Jamar come and look at the gym roof on the Center. They stated that the flashing and the rubber roof have separated. Supervisor Opack had them do a repair on the roof and in the spring, Jamar will give us an estimate to replace the roof. There was discussion on what kind of a roof and how we will finance the project. The Board feels that if we are going to use the building as an emergency shelter that we need to spend the money to keep the building in good condition.

Letter from the St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department-The letter stated that there are two parcels on Woodland Beach area that are forfeited for non-payment of real estate taxes. The township does not wish to acquire them.

Road maintenance requests-We received an email from St. Louis County Public Works Department reminding us that townships need to submit, in writing, yearly any requests for sanding, thawing culverts, grading roads and etc. The Clerk has submitted our requests.

St. Louis County Association of Township minutes-Next meeting, December 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Cotton Township.

Community Development Block Grant-Supervisor Nelson has submitted a pre-application for the work we have been discussing about making the Community Center a Red Cross Emergency shelter with accessible showers and family bathrooms. The finally application is due in December.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence, other than those mentioned above, were received.

Eight building permits were turned in for the month of October 2017.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-November 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-November 27, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-December 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Disbursements #14025 through #14053 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$18,741.04 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting were: None. Employees present were: Robert Aho, Kurt Blegen, and Tom Haller. Employees absent: Toni Blomdahl and Cindy Erickson.