

Summary of the bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen that was held on Monday, October 10, 2016, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. The Town Board, Town Employees 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 September 12, 2016 and the September 26, 2016 meetings were unanimously approved with the correction under Snowplowing should read "Supervisor Opack made a motion" with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There was one outstanding check for this month for a total of \$50.79.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roof repair-When Chair Franckowiak and Ward Poppenberg were looking at the roof at the Community Center they noticed additional damage that was done to the roof. We will need a new rubber roof over the classrooms. Our insurance company would like pictures of the damage and a quote for what it will cost to repair the roof. Ward will be doing the repairs over the kitchen. If the insurance company will pay, Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to have Ward Poppenberg do the work over the classrooms also. All in favor.

P&Z matter-Our lawyer sent us the complaint and P&Z Inspector Gil Kjorstad and the Town clerk looked the complaint over and made one correction to the number of acres listed. Clerk will notify our lawyer to proceed with the complaint to District Court.

Quotes for snowplowing at the Community Center-We received quotes from J&C Home and Business Services and Lawn Care Precision. (Kurt Blegen decided to not put a bid in.) Supervisor Opack did some research on what it would cost to purchase an attachment for our brusher to do the snowplowing. He will do some additional research and check on availability for our next meeting. Supervisor Nelson suggested that Supervisor Opack talk with J&C and tell him we would like the rate quote for per time and mention that we will be checking into getting a snow blower and get his response to that.

Bituminous pothole patching-Supervisor Opack stated that Asphalt of Duluth got the job done at the Town Hall parking lot and the Community Center.

Community Block Grant Meeting-Supervisor Nelson attending the CBDG Meeting. Supervisor Nelson will submit a short one page report and see if we qualify. Some suggestions were-chairlift for the Community Center and bathroom remodeling at the Town Hall.

Legal Seminar-Chair Franckowiak attended the seminar. We will review the information he obtained at our next meeting.

Timber auction-Supervisor Opack talked to Eric Anton, St. Louis County Land Department and Eric said he was just putting the bid package together. Supervisor Opack expressed his concerns to Eric about our Township roads and Eric agreed that it would be winter logging only. Supervisor Nelson suggested that they don't go out the Church Road to Normanna. The bids will be let on November 4th and they will give the loggers two years to complete, but they are hoping they will get it done this year because of all the blow downs.

Reminder-Duluth Area Townships Meeting-October 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Rice Lake City Hall.

Norm Wolfe property-Kevin Haberman, P&Z Chair has not had a chance to go view the property yet. If the concerns is health related, we could report it to the Health Department. P&Z Inspector

Kjorstad stated that if it isn't health related concerns, we don't have much in our Ordinance for blight.

Watershed District Meeting-Supervisor Nelson stated that the group is done with meetings but they would be willing to come to our Town Hall for a meeting on October 24th. Supervisor Nelson will set this up.

Storm damage-Supervisor Nelson will follow up with the State to move some of the debris costs to roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller stated he checked the roads today. The roads are all in good condition. He will do some grading and would like some Class 5 over the pit run they placed in the turnarounds. Tom will contact Mike Grubb to see when he is available to haul gravel. Tom will talk to the property owner on Crescent Drive to get approval to cut some trees so we can spread the gravel. There are some trucks on Lakeview Drive that may be a problem for snowplowing this winter as they are protruding onto the road. Chair Franckowiak will talk to the owner and tell him they need to be moved. Supervisor Opack meet with Scott Olson and Scott thinks our roads are okay as long as there is nothing in the ditches. If we get heavy snowfall this winter and the trees are hanging out in the roads, we will need to go brush them. Supervisor Opack stated that we have to make sure our grader and brusher are in good shape in case we need to use them this winter. Tom put in a new update shaft in the brusher. Supervisor Opack stated that we need to purchase an extra set of hoses to have as a spare.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl-Nothing to report tonight.

Gnesen Community Newspaper-Cindy Erickson-Nothing to report tonight.

Appoint election judges for the November 8, 2016 General Election-Resolution #16-11-Supervisor Nelson made a motion to appoint Lottie Haller, Janis Carlson, Sharon Carlson, Katy Dawson, Kathy Johnson, Martha Ritter, Gilbert Kjorstad and Rita Sherepa as judges. Chair Franckowiak second the motion, all in favor.

Public Test of the voting machine-October 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Crime Activity report for September-Was reviewed.

Advertisement fee-We received a request from the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department asking the Town Board to waive the advertisement fee for their Halloween Carnival and the follow-up Thank you notice. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, with Chair Franckowiak abstaining, all in favor to waive the fee.

St. Louis County Association of Townships Meeting Minutes-We received the agenda, minutes, calendar for STLCO and bus reservation form for the MAT Annual Meeting and Election in St. Cloud on November 17-19, 2016. We also received a 2017 Pocket Calendar.

Land apply wood ash-We received a letter from the University of Minnesota stating that they have accepted an application to land apply wood ash and/or lime on Steve Franckowiak's property.

CORRESPONDENCE:

One piece of correspondence was received.

Three building permits were turned in for the month of September 2016

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)