

## Regular Meeting Town of Gnesen

October 9, 2017

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, October 9, 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 David Opack, second by Supervisor Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the September 25, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Chair Franckowiak.

Motion by Supervisor Nelson second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were two outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$145.40.)

### OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z matter-Table until the 60 days to remove the cabin are up.

Culvert on Schultz Lake/Turner Road-Supervisor Opack reports that the water in the culvert was two inches from the top and the water in Little Schultz is lapping at the side of the road. Supervisor Opack talked to Gordy Halverson from St. Louis County and Gordy stated that if the water table remains that high and the water freezes, there is a good chance it will harm the culvert and the road will be mush in the spring. There was much discussion on the road and the culverts. Supervisor Opack will contact the property owner about the beaver problem and the Town Clerk will send out a letter requesting the property owner to contact Supervisor Opack to discuss the issue. We will also contact our MAT Attorney and seek council on how we should proceed if we do not hear back from the land owner.

New voting machines-Clerk received an email from Phil Chapman, Elections Supervisor, and he stated that the County updated some of their voting machines last year and are submitting a proposal to upgrade their other voting machines. Phil stated that we will still be able to get our current machines programmed and maintenance on them but he does not know when they will become obsolete and whether there will be grants available at the time they become obsolete. There was discussion on whether to wait or apply for the grant and the Town Board decided not to apply for the grant and stay with our current voting machines.

Planned Unit Development-Supervisor Nelson sent an email to our MAT Attorney seeking council on whether we needed to have a PUD option in our ordinance. We received an email from our MAT Attorney, Steve Fenske, and he stated that the Board is not required to consider the PUD Ordinance. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson and unanimously approved that the Board intends to make no changes to our current ordinance to allow PUD's.

Generator at the Community Center-Kurt Blegen, GCC janitor stated that the generator is LP, 200 amp, 22,000 kilowatts and he will contact John Stephen and ask if the unit could be in the garage and if we added showers and etc, is this unit large enough to handle this. Kurt will also ask if there are any additional expenses; if John can bury the lines and whether John could get it done this fall. Kurt will report back to us at our next meeting in two weeks. Chair Franckowiak feels we need to move forward with getting this building ready to be used as an emergency shelter if the need arises.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #17-11-Chair Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson and unanimously approved to appoint election judges for the November 7<sup>th</sup> School Board Election. Clerk was given permission to appoint an additional judge if one of those appointed could only work half a day.

Grader Operator's road report-Tom Haller stated that we need to do some work on the culverts on Lawnwood Road. Supervisor Opack will follow up on getting some crusher screens to put at the end of the culverts; some riprap and two or three loads of Class 5 for Lawnwood Road. Tom stated that we could use a load of Class 5 on the turnaround on Crescent Drive. Tom also mentioned the ditches on Bergstrom Road are full of water on both sides and Supervisor Opack will look into this.

Supervisor Nelson mentioned the MNDOT grant for Local Road Improvement and Supervisor Opack stated we are going to need to do some work on the Pioneer Road over by Mirror Lake, which might qualify under the MNDOT grant. The clerk will get a copy of the application and have it for our next meeting.

Gnesen Community Center-Kurt Blegen mentioned that Salo Glass replaced the broken window today. Kurt has also been having a problem with the roof leaking in the gym. He suggested that next spring we have someone come and look at the roof. Supervisor Opack made a motion for Kurt to purchase four sheet of 2" Styrofoam to install on the wall to keep the pipes from freezing and then bank it with snow. Chair Franckowiak second the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase and have Kurt install the Styrofoam sheets.

Gnesen Newsletter-Cindy Erickson-nothing new to report.

Broadband-Supervisor Nelson will check on the progress of the grant application before our next meeting.

Crime Report-We received the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Crime Report for September.

ARDC 2017-2018 Transportation Alternatives Federal Grant Program-We have no projects that would meet the criteria for this grant.

Speeding on the West Pioneer Road-We received a complaint about speeding on the road. We have been informed by Vic Lund, from St. Louis County, that they don't want unnecessary signs installed on roads and that when we receive a complaint it is usually only 10% of the vehicles exceeding a reasonable speed/speed limit on the road and enforcement is the only way to handle this problem. So the Board will not be installing any signs.

Special Events-The Town Board would like the Zoning Commission to look into Special Events that are held in the community because of safety concerns with parking on the roads; children crossing the roads and etc. The Board would like Toni Blomdahl to put a summary in the Gnesen Newspaper about the process that needs to be gone through before any Special Event can be held in the township.

Old garage at the town hall-Supervisor Opack will bring the "stuff" that needs to go in a dumpster, down to WLSSD, but we will need to dispose of the old computers.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence, other than those mentioned above, was received.

Ten building permits were turned in for the month of September 2017.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Zoning Commission Meeting-October 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-October 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Rice Lake City Hall

Town Board Meeting-October 23, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

School Board Elections-November 7, 2017. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Disbursements #14001 through #14023 and five Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$8,924.96 with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 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, Cindy Erickson and Tom Haller. Employees absent: Toni Blomdahl.