

Summary of the bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen for September 12, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. The Town Board, Town Employees and five residents 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 August 8, 2016 and the August 22, 2016 meetings were unanimously approved 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.

Chair Franckowiak suspended the agenda to hear business from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS-Five residents from Carey Road came to the meeting to present a concern they had when a recent car show was held at the Island Lake Inn. They are requesting that "No Parking" signs be placed on the south side of Carey Road during events held at the Inn. They stated that emergency vehicles would not be able to get down the road with parking on both sides of the road. Gil Kjorstad will draft a letter to be sent to the Inn stating there will be no parking on the south side of the road and the Town Clerk will contact St. Louis County Sheriff's Department to have a deputy police the area during events to make sure no cars are parked there.

OLD BUSINESS:

Roof repair-Chair Franckowiak is still finalizing the details.

P&Z matter-Our lawyer is working on this.

Storm damage report on insurance-Our insurance company will be sending us a check for the damages. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to have the repairs to the garage and fence done.

State of Local Emergency-Supervisor Nelson has filled out the forms and sent them in.

Snowplowing the lanes off Eagle Lake Road-Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to hire J & C Home Business Services to plow the lanes for \$5,000.00 for the winter season.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller stated he has completed the mowing/brushing on the township roads except Needle Lane and the lanes at Eagle Lake. Tom said the "Stop" sign on Boulder Lake Road has holes in it. The town clerk will contact St. Louis County about replacing the sign. Tom stated that the bearings on the mower need to be replaced and he will replace that. Chair Franckowiak also requested that Tom purchase an extra hose for the brusher to have on hand incase another hose breaks. Supervisor Opack suggested replacing all the hoses. Supervisor Opack will contact Scott Olson to see if Scott has any issues that need to be addressed before the snowplowing season. Supervisor Opack will also contact Mike Grubb to see when he would be available to haul gravel. Tom brought some information about an attachment for the brusher that can be purchased for doing ditching on our township roads. Supervisor Opack will do some more checking on this and he will also check to see if it could be rented.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager report-Toni Blomdahl stated that we received a quote from Jason Shaw on plowing the parking lot at the Center. Supervisor Opack and Toni will talk to Jason further on this matter and ask about a per season or per push price. Kurt Blegen stated that he would like to put in a quote and Chair Franckowiak mentioned Scott Grubb might want to put in a quote also. Toni requested that we hire someone to man the warming house at the skating rink even if for just one day a week and suggested that we use the remainder of the Summer Youth Program budget and hire someone. Supervisor Nelson made a motion, second by Chair Franckowiak, all in favor to hire someone.

Gnesen Community Newspaper-Nothing to report tonight.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office Crime Activity Report for July and August-Was reviewed.

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

CDBG-St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Meeting-Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in Proctor; also on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Iron 1:00-3:00 p.m. Supervisor Nelson will attend the Proctor meeting.

Electric cable-We received an email from George Radosevich from Minnesota Power asking for approval for installation of electric cable on Sunshine Lake Road. George supplied a map and the information that is requested in our P&Z Ordinance. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Nelson, all in favor to approve the installation.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

One piece of correspondence was received.

Four building permits were turned in for the month of August 2016

Disbursements were read, approved and signed for payment with a motion by Supervisor Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Nelson. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)