

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 9, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 9, 2018, at the Gnesen Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Nelson. The Town Board, Town Employees and three Town residents stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved. Minutes of the March 26, 2018 Town Board Meeting and March 26, 2018 Certification/Reorganization Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, Supervisor Franckowiak.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There was one outstanding check for the month for a total of \$150.00.)

OLD BUSINESS:

St. Louis County Sand pit-Supervisor Opack talked to Brian Boder, St. Louis County, about the request to bring in a crusher to the pit off Rice Lake Road. Supervisor Opack informed Brian that their CUP stated "No crushing". Brian was unaware of the Conditional Use Permit or Environmental Assessment Worksheet that they had on this sand pit. Brian requested copies of the CUP and EAW and Deputy Clerk Blomdahl emailed them to Brian. Brian stated that they are looking for a source of Class 5 to do a major build up of the Abbott Road. Supervisor Opack asked Brian to keep us informed of their plans. Robert Aho's contract for pre-design services at the Community Center-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, board approved to award the contract for up to \$2,000.00 for the pre-design work.

Broadband update-Chair Nelson gave an update on the broadband. Chair Nelson stated that if it the DEED Broadband Grant Fund gets funded, by the legislature, we will apply again. Chair Nelson has talked to Lyle McVay from Fond du Lac Band about another source for broadband we could possibly go with, if it would work in Gnesen. Chair Nelson also talked with Pete Stauber, County Commissioner, and Pete stated that they are talking about using timber sales to fund these broadband updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Duluth Urban Watershed-The Advisory Committee is in the process of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining the Areas of Agreement and Organization Structure. Chair Nelson will try to set up a meeting with them for May and he will get the date and information to Cindy Erickson to put in our newsletter. Gnesen Township is part of the watershed because Lester River runs through of township.

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller stated that he did a road review and he will go out and grade the roads when the weather permits. He has been out brushing on Church Road, Pioneer Road and Musolf Road.

Gnesen Community Center-Building Manager Toni Blomdahl stated that we have several groups using the Community Center weekly for things like yoga, zumba and meditation. Chair Nelson mentioned that the DNR Grant has been submitted and they will announce in June who will be awarded the grants. Kurt Blegen, GCC janitor stated that he will meet with John Stephens to install the generator and panel updates within the next week.

Eagle Lake Shoreline discussion-Chair Nelson was notified by a resident about a concern of some people treating the tax forfeit land along the shore as their own. Chair Nelson has talked to some one from the County and he is waiting for a call back from them to discuss this issue, as we do not get into neighborhood disputes, so they should handle this matter.

Rice Lake Road Speed Limit increase-A resident asked the Town Board if we were made aware of the speed limit increase on Hwy 4 from the Van Road to just passed United Northern Sportsmen's Club from 40 mph to 45 mph. The resident has a safety concern about this increase. The Town Board will contact Vic Lund, Traffic Engineer for St. Louis County, and ask Vic to explain their rationale for the increase of speed and what would be the procedure to bring the speed limit down.

Thank you note and check-We received a note asking us to thank the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department for responding to a call at Robert & Beverly Morris' home. Clerk turned the note and check over to Supervisor Franckowiak to bring to the Fire Department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence were received.

No building permits were turned in for the month of March 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Public Hearing-April 18, 2018 6:30 p.m. Ordinance and map updates

Planning Commission Meeting-April 18, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-April 23, 2018 8:00 p.m.

Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting-May 3, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Town Board Meeting-May 14, 2018 8:00 p.m.

Disbursements #14127 through #14178 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$16,675.63 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)