

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

March 26, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, March 26, 2018, at the Gnesen Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Ed Franckowiak, second by Supervisor David Opack and unanimously approved. Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Town Board meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. Minutes from the Annual Meeting held on March 13, 2018 were handed out for the Board to review, as these minutes will be approved at the next annual meeting in 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution #18-09-Chair Nelson motioned to approve setting the levy at \$270,000.00 for 2019, second by Supervisor Opack and unanimously approved. This is the same as the last seven years.

Resolution #18-10 Fee Schedule-The Planning Commission was not in favor of increasing the fees from what was approved on March 14, 2016 as that would put our fees over the cost of the County's. They did add a few new fees to the schedule for water oriented accessory structures; site visit/evaluation; interim use permit fees and subdivision fees. Motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #18-10 with the fees remaining the same as 2016 and adopting the new additional fees. Supervisor Opack requested that the Town Treasurer compile records monthly of the income and expenses for the Planning and Zoning Commission to make sure we are covering our costs.

CDBG Grant-Supervisor Nelson stated that the CDBG staff met and considered our question of whether we could transfer the grant money we were awarded for the Town Hall over to the Community center. CDBG stated that because the public process and approvals by the County Board and HUD did not include work at the Community Center, they are not able to move the 2017 funding to the Community Center. They gave us a list of options and the Board decided that as we move forward with plans for the Community Center, we can discuss what option we will decide on.

DAT Meeting summary-Clerk Haller gave a brief summary on the information that was presented at the DAT Meeting by guest speaker Doug Jensen, AIS Program Coordinator, University of Minnesota Sea Grant Program. Mr. Jensen's presentation was very informative about aquatic invasive species and the work they are doing. Clerk Haller will talk with the lake association members to see if there would be interested in having Mr. Jensen come out and make a presentation for all interested people in the township. Chair Nelson will set up the meeting with Mr. Jensen if there are enough people interested. The next DAT Meeting is set for May 17th and Vic Lund will be present to talk about road signs.

DNR Grant-The UMD Students have submitted a rough draft for the Supervisors to look over before submitting the application to the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program by March 30th. The program assists local governments in acquiring parkland and developing or redeveloping outdoor recreation facilities. The project goal is to make the land at the Community Center accessible for outdoor recreation to township members. This will include designing and creating: accessible trails, a nine-hole disc golf course, and a nature playground (playscape). We would have to do a match of at least 50% of the total cost, which may consist of cash or the value of materials, labor and equipment usage by the local sponsor or donations or any combination of these. Awards will be announced in June 2018.

St. Louis County Sand Pit-Supervisor Opack stated that St. Louis County called about their intent to crush rock to make gravel in their Twin Pines Gravel Pit on Rice Lake Road. Supervisor Opack brought the issue up for discussion at the Planning Commission Meeting and it was decided to have Deputy Clerk Blomdahl provide the Town Board with a copy of the County's CUP and a cover letter. Supervisor Opack was approved by the Town Board to sign the letter stating that their CUP stipulates "No crushing" and we will email it to the County and cc County Commissioner Pete Stauber.

Zoning map-Discussion followed on purchasing some new zoning maps. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved to spend up to \$600.00 for new maps of the Township.

Ordinance changes-There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for public comment on the adoption of Amended Zoning Ordinance #10 and the Updated Zoning Map Ordinance #10.5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor License 2018-2019 renewal of Combination On/Off-Sale/Sunday On-Sale intoxicating Liquor License for Watters LLC d/b/a Island Lake Inn-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Nelson and Board approved to grant the renewal request.

Minnesota Department of Health Annual Report-No coliform bacteria was detected at the Community Center. No nitrate + nitrite nitrogen were detected at the Town Hall or the Community Center. Tom Haller has purchased hilex to run through the system at the Town Hall and we will contact Larry Peterson, from the Health Department, to retest for coliform at the Town Hall.

Resolution #18-11-Chair Nelson made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing contract with interested officer if Supervisor Opack spots trucks this year. Supervisor Franckowiak seconded the motion, with Supervisor Opack abstaining. Motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Four pieces of correspondence were received.

Disbursement #14146 was read, approved and signed for \$150.00 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Nelson and Board approved. The disbursement is for Ed Franckowiak, Mary Bjorklund and Lottie Haller to attend the Short Course on April 6th at the DECC.

Upcoming Meetings:

Spring Short Course-April 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Town Board Meeting-April 9, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)