

## Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

May 14, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, May 14, 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 two guests 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. Motion to suspend the agenda and hear the Duluth Urban Watershed presentation was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack and unanimously approved.

Jesse Schomberg and Tiffany Sprague gave a short presentation on the Watershed with a little background. Minnesota uses a watershed approach to look at an entire drainage area when assessing stream impairments and areas needing protection, rather than focusing on lakes and streams one at a time. Activities are carried out on a 10-year cycle. The Duluth-area streams are divided by three major watersheds: Lake Superior-South, St. Louis River, and the Cloquet. Jesse went over some of their former activities 2015-2018 and for 2019 and beyond. Chair Nelson would like some discussion on beaver problems and the shoreline on Eagle Lake at the Public Hearing to get different committees together to discuss common interests. Jesse stated that if we have any comments or thoughts, to get those in to them and they will try to find out how to address them. Chair Nelson thanked Jesse and Tiffany for coming tonight to do their presentation.

Minutes of the April 23, 2018 Town Board Meeting and were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Nelson. Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were three outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$453.52.)

Chair Nelson introduced Sarah Blix who will be a deputy clerk working with Clerk Haller.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Robert Aho's pre-design for the Community Center-Robert presented his pre-design which stated what work will need to be done at the Center. The Town Board will go over the report to review it and prioritize what will be done first.

Eagle Lake Shorelines-We discussed this briefly with the Watershed presenters, but do not have any answers yet.

P&Z matter-Zoning Officer Robert Aho met with the property owner last week and took several pictures. Robert stated that the property owner is making progress in cleaning up and screening but he still is not 100% in compliance with what we requested he do on this issue. Supervisor Opack state that we will want monthly reports from Robert to see how the property owner is progressing with this matter.

Aquatic invasive species presentation-Chair Nelson stated that he left a message with Doug Jensen asking Doug to do a presentation on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Gnesen Community Center. Clerk Haller will get the information out to the lake association members and have Cindy put something on our website.

Road Review-Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Supervisors, Clerk and grader operator will meet at the Town Hall and 9:00 a.m. to review all township roads.

Upgrade our grader-Supervisor Opack and Grader Operator Haller met with the sales rep from Nortrax and they will be meeting with him again to do some pricing out on a new grader.

Local Board of Appeals-The Supervisors review ten appeals, board decisions-one withdrew, one no change and eight properties were lowered.

Changes to the Zoning Ordinance and zoning maps: The Zoning Board presented their recommendations for changes. Zoning secretary Blomdahl stated that the summary has to be published. The Zoning Map will be its own Ordinance. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved to adopt Resolution #18-12 RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE #10 and Resolution #18-13 RESOLUTION APPROVING ZONING MAP ORDINANCE #10.5.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller stated that he has been out grading. There are many soft spots and frost boils.

Gnesen Community Center-Building Manager Toni Blomdahl stated that the couple that did the Summer Youth Program last summer will not be able to run it this year. So Toni will be looking for someone to run the program. Janitor Kurt Blegen stated that generator is here and we need to pour a slab and put a fence around the generator.

Gnesen Community Newsletter-Editor Cindy Erickson asked if there are any minutes from the DAT Meeting and the SLCTO Meeting that the Supervisors attend that she should be putting in the paper. Chair Nelson stated that if there is information that is helpful to the community we will get the information to her to put in the newsletter.

Broadband-Chair Nelson will keep meeting with the group working on broadband and he will keep us updated.

P&Z matter-Clerk Haller was served with Notice of Filing of Order on this matter and she has turned it over to our MATIT and they have appointed an attorney to handle this.

DAT Meeting Minutes and Agenda-Board was given the minutes and the agenda. Vic Lund will be the guest speaker and we will talk to Vic about the raise speed limit on Rice Lake Road.

Wood-ash application-We received a letter from the University of Minnesota accepting an application to land apply wood ash and/or lime to a Gnesen property.

Gravel prices-We received a list of gravel prices from Ulland Brothers and Dirt works Specialists.

Township Legal Seminar-October 6, 2018 at Cotton Town Hall 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the Couri and Ruppe Law Office.

Budget-We received an email from MAT asking us to advocate for townships as the Legislature and Governor make their final budget decisions.

Crime Activity Report-We received the April Report from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Four pieces of correspondence were received.

Two building permits were turned in for the month of April 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-May 16, 2018 7:30 p.m.

Road Review-May 17, 2018-Meet at Town Hall at 9:00 a.m.

DAT Meeting-May 17, 2018-6:30 p.m. Rice Lake City Hall

Town Board Meeting-Tuesday (because of Memorial Day Holiday)-May 29, 2018 8:00 p.m.

Aquatic Invasive Species Presentation-June 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m. \*\*Gnesen Community Center

Town Board Meeting-June 11, 2018, 8:00 p.m. \*\*Gnesen Community Center

Disbursements #14179 through #14203 and four Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$16,232.27 with a motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting were: Jesse Schomberg, and Tiffany Sprague. Employees present were: Robert Aho, Kurt Blegen, Sarah Blix, Toni Blomdahl, Cindy Erickson and Tom Haller.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lottie Haller, Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Bjorklund, Treasurer

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Jon Nelson, Chair

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Date Approved