

May 29, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Tuesday, May 29, 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 Dave Opack, second by Supervisor Ed Franckowiak and unanimously approved. Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Town Board meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. (Pages 305 and 306 in the minute book are mixed up, due to a printer error. Page 306 has been crossed out.)

OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z Matter-The Supervisors were given the Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed on behalf of the property owner, the Alternative Writ of Mandamus signed by Judge Munger and the Answer to Petition for Writ of Mandamus prepared by our attorney, Scott Witty that he planned to file and serve on May 25, 2018.

Road Review-Supervisors traveled the township roads on May 17th. It was determined that we would need approximately 143 loads of Class 5 and eight loads of recycled blacktop. Supervisor Opack talked to Dirt Works and they have a pile of recycled blacktop that they put up for the Township. Supervisor Opack also talked to Mike Grubb and he will be available to haul for us again this year. Supervisors Opack and Franckowiak will spot the trucks. Supervisor Opack talked to Rick's Tree Service about brushing on the Bergstrom Road. Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and unanimously approved to have Rick's Tree Service do the brushing on Bergstrom Road for up to \$10,000.00. The clerk will send out letters to all the residents on the road.

Grader-Supervisor Opack met with a mechanic from Ziegler and they will send an appraisal for a trade-in value on our current grader. John Deere will be sending an appraisal also. Supervisor Opack will do some homework and check on the prices of new graders, lease return and trade-in graders and also what the government surplus has for graders.

Water at the Town Hall-Three of the four water tests came back testing positive for coliform bacteria. Larry Peterson from the Health Department suggested that we get a well driller to come and disinfect the whole system. Larry stated that we should post the signs informing people of the coliform bacteria. The water is safe to drink but the people should make their own decisions whether to drink it or not. Supervisor Franckowiak will contact a well driller and get this taken care of. Clerk will notify the renters to see if they would like to switch to using the Community Center instead of the Town Hall.

DAT Meeting summary-Chair Nelson gave a brief update on what Vic Lund said about signage on the roads. Vic stated that we should only install signs that are listed in MUTCD (Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) and document why we removed or added a sign. Supervisors were given a copy of our Road Sign Policy to review. The township is responsible for Stop Signs and Street Name signs on our township roads unless they intersect with a County Road, then the County is responsible for replacing those signs.

Update on DUWAC-Chair Nelson sent an email listing a couple websites that might be helpful to the Town Board and the Planning Commission. Chair Nelson will email the clerk the emails he sent to the County and the DNR about the Eagle Lake Shoreline matter.

Gnesen Community Center-The Supervisors went over Robert Aho's predesign report. The front entrance/columns and the roof are probably top priority. Chair Nelson will talk with Mia Thibodeau about bonding. There was also talk about whether the building would qualify with the State Historical Society requirement to be on the National Registry. They will also talk to Kurt about a date to get a group together to build the pad for the generator.

NEW BUSINESS:

CUP for Countryside Rides/Kathy Watters-Planning Commission recommendation to approve the CUP for Kathy Watters to operate her wedding venue and hay and sleigh ride company in a residential zoned area with conditions they have listed. Chair Nelson read the Findings of Fact and the conditions and Supervisor Opack made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Franckowiak and unanimously approved to grant the CUP.

Planning Commission appointment-Supervisor Opack made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Franckowiak and unanimously approved to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to appoint Edwin Erickson to the Planning Commission. His term will come up for re-appointment in March 2021.

Public Hearing for Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch-A public hearing will take place on Wednesday, June 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Gnesen Town Hall to hear public comment on a Conditional Use Permit for Seeds of Hope to operate a non-profit riding stable in a residential zoned area.

Membership cards-Supervisors were given their Official Membership Card from the Minnesota Association of Townships.

St. Louis County Association of Townships-The Meeting agenda, minutes and calendar of upcoming meetings was given to the Supervisors.

Summer Short Course-June 28th at the DECC. Clerk has registered the treasurer, deputy clerk and herself.

CORRESPONDENCE:

One piece of correspondence was received.

Upcoming Meetings:

Aquatic Invasive Species presentation-June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center

Town Board Meeting-June 11, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

Planning Commission-June 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. CUP Public Hearing for Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch

Town Board Meeting-June 25, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Summer Short Course-June 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the DECC

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting were: None. Employees present were: Robert Aho.