

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

July 23, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, July 23, 2018, at the Gnesen Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Nelson. Supervisor Opack wanted to add an item to the agenda under new business-discussion on a pick-up truck. Motion to approve the amended agenda moved by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved.

Minutes of the July 9, 2018 Town Board Meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

Chair Nelson suspended the agenda to hear from two residents from. The property owners were here tonight to ask about what could be done with the some property on Eagle Lake Road that needs to be cleaned up. Chair Nelson stated that we will send a letter saying the neighbors have brought forward some concerns to see if we can get some voluntarily cooperation on cleaning up the lot. The property owner also asked if there is anybody involved in the quality of Eagle Lake? The lake is basically dying. There are lots of dead fish floating. Chair Nelson stated that we are part of the Duluth Urban Watershed District Advisory and we have talked to them about the shoreline there and they should be monitoring it for water quality because it is close to the headwaters of the Lester River. Chair Nelson is going to a meeting with them next week. The property owner asked if he could be informed on what Chair Nelson learns. Chair Nelson stated we can put the watershed final agreement on our website when it is done. The property owners also talked about four-wheelers disturbing the peace there. Chair Nelson suggested that they try talk face-to-face with them and ask them not to run the 4-wheelers between certain times. If that doesn't work, they will have to call the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Opack said that St. Louis County has rules on driving four-wheelers on the road. Chair Nelson gave them the names of the DNR contacts and the County contacts he has been working with and they can get in touch with them also.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Officer's raise-After reviewing the wages of other Township Zoning Officers, it was decided to not raise the salary at this time. He was advised to submit another request next year at our budget meeting.

Concern on Berg Road-Supervisor Opack received two complaints asking what we are going to do about the campground on Berg Road. A resident questioned possible sewage issues and the fact that it is lowering their property value. Robert was requested to go to the site and follow up with the information the County Health Department was asking for and to give the information to Town clerk to send out with the photos we have on file from a previous year.

Plaque-Discussion on what will be the criteria to determine whose name will qualify to be added to the plaque. It was decided to look at plaques and where we would place it and we will go from there.

Resolution #18-14-Adopting a Zoning Permit Fee Schedule that was approved at the June 25th meeting, which our Ordinance states we have to adopt by resolution. Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to adopt attached fee schedule.

Well and water test-Larry Peterson from the Health Department came out and tested the water and it came back clear, but he has to come back within thirty (30) days and re-test before he will clear it. He also suggested that we get a key to lock the new cap. Clerk Haller will pick up a lock.

P&Z concern-Robert Aho stated that he has left messages, but the property owner has not returned his call.

Beaver problem on Lawnwood Road-Tom Haller cleaned out the culvert and put a grate in front of the culvert. Supervisor Opack contacted Dan Croke to come trap the beavers. Supervisor Opack stated that one of the culverts needs to be replaced and he is suggesting that we go with one large culvert instead of two smaller ones. Supervisor Opack is researching what could be built to keep the beavers out of the culvert; a diverter something. Toni Blomdahl suggested that Chair Nelson talk to the DUWAC Group when he meets with them next week.

Boulder Lake Road-The new 18" x 32' culvert is in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #18-15-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to appoint Janis Carlson, Sharon Carlson, Kathy Johnson, Katie Dawson, Lottie Haller, Kitten Hutchens and Martha Ritter as election judges for the August 14th Primary election with Sarah Blix as an alternate.

Primary Election-August 14th. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Police protection-Supervisor Franckowiak asked about reinstating police protection for Gnesen. Town Clerk Haller presented to the Board what MN Statute 365.21 says. Toni stated that City of Rice Lake is talking to the County about hiring a Deputy through them to patrol only City of Rice Lake. We will do some research on this matter and we will bring it up at the August Duluth Area Township Meeting to see what other townships are doing.

Como Oil-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to give Clerk Haller permission to contact Como Oil to get the price for propane and to sign up for the locked price if it was comparable to last year.

Pick-up truck to do road work and snow plowing-Supervisor Opack stated that the DNR is having an auction on August 25th in Grand Rapids and he will do more research on this and we will discuss it more at our August 13th meeting.

Weed kill on the softball field-Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to approve Duluth Lawn Care to apply two applications of weed killer to the ball field at \$135.00 each.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Town of Fredenburg newsletter.

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting-August 13, 2018-8:00 p.m.

Primary election-August 14, 2018-Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission- August 15, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-August 16, 2018-6:00 p.m. picnic

District 10 Meeting-Grand Lake town Hall-August 20, 2018-5:30 p.m.

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

Town Board Meeting-August 27, 2018-8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)