

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, August 27, 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 moved by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

Minutes of the August 13, 2018 Town Board Meetings were tabled until next month due to computer problems so unable to print for tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reinstating Police Protection-The Town Board of Supervisors had a discussion with St. Louis County Sheriff, Ross Litman. Ross shared his opinions and thoughts on the pluses and minuses of having our own Police Department. The Town Board will continue to research this issue. We also discussed some of the categories on the crime activity report and Ross stated that Public Works Department handles Special Use Permits but the Sheriff's Department handles water event permits and Ross suggested that we contact Public Works about notifying us when a special use permit is issued.

Property on Berg Road-The property owners have contacted Zoning Officer Robert Aho and he is working with them. They stated that they had an agreement with Jack Singler, former Zoning Board Chair, but the deputy clerk looked back through our records for several years and we have no record of an agreement. Robert was not here tonight to give an update. Supervisor Opack stated that we need to bring them into compliance with our Ordinance. Our Ordinance states the RVs cannot be situated or used on the property more than 120 days in a calendar year. Town Board feels the property owners need to come to the Planning Commission for discussion on a permit for the shed and coming into compliance.

Certified mail-Clerk did not mail the above property owner a 2nd letter certified because they had contacted Robert after the first letter but she did mail the Park Drive property owner a 2nd letter certified.

Well and water test-Larry Peterson from the Health Department came back out after the 30 days and retested the water and it came back clear. He gave instructions on putting the filters back into the system and Tom Haller will handle doing this.

Plaque-Supervisor Franckowiak looked at several plaques and it was decided to get an indoor plaque with George Franckowiak's name on it and if anyone else meets the criteria for a plaque, we will get them one.

Zoning issue-Robert Aho was not here for an updates.

CDBG-Chair Nelson contacted the CDGB Board and told them we will not use the money that was awarded us for the Town Hall remodel. We will start working on the project that money was awarded us for the Community Center needs. Discussion followed on whether to do bit by bit or get a bond to do the whole project and it was decided to have Chair Nelson do a little research on architectural firms and discuss it at another meeting.

Pick-up truck-Supervisor Opack stated that we don't have to go through the auction process because we are a governmental body. Clerk Haller sent an email to Tom Lattimore from the DNR today to get the paperwork to get plugged into the purchasing system. Once we are in the system we can just go straight through the DNR and tell them what we are looking for and they will find some pickups and see if they are what we want.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed sale of State Tax Forfeited Land-We received a courtesy letter from St. Louis County Land and Minerals Department notifying us of Lots 1272 and 1273 ex for road easement, Woodland Beach 1st addition that are up for sale. Clerk also stated that she had been contacted by a Realtor wanting to know how to vacate the roads which are in the same area as this tax forfeited land and she is researching how to vacate these roads.

Legal Service Rate Increase-We received a letter from Couri & Ruppe that the hourly rate will be increasing to \$200 per hour for all general legal work and to \$220 per hour for all development work.
New Executive Director-We received an email from MAT about the new Director they hired, David Hann.

Timber sales-Clerk contacted Gene Becker and he sent her the information about the timber sale on Howard Gnesen Road and another sale that took place on August 16th up off Thompson Lake Rd.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting-September 10, 2018-8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-September 19, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-September 24, 2018-8:00 p.m.

(Private rental of the Town Hall-September 8, 2018 11:00-4:00 p.m.)

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting were: Ross Litman. Employees present were: Sarah Blix.