

## Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

October 22, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, October 22, 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 Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

Minutes of the October 8, 2018 Town Board Meetings have not been read by the Town Board Supervisors so we will table until our November Meeting.

Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to suspend the agenda to hear from Dick Haney on our DNR Grant. Dick wishes to talk about laying out the trails. Dick introduced Judy Gibbs, who he stated was a trail expert and a valuable resource. Judy described some of the trails she has been involved with creating and gave some helpful suggestions. Judy stated that if we pull together a planning committee, she would be willing to work with the committee to help with planning the layout of the trails.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning issue-Robert Aho gave the Town Board a letter he is intending to send to the property owner. In the letter he talked about getting the screening in place, getting vehicles and equipment away from the rear of the property and then he would do another inspection. Chair Nelson requested that Robert add something in the letter about the number of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles and ask what the property owner's plans are for bringing everything into compliance. Robert stated he would ask the property owner flat out to establish a schedule for complying with all of the issues.

Berg Road complaints-Robert stated that he talked to Jack Singler and Jack said they did have a verbal agreement with the property owners. The agreement was: You can have the trailers there but you can't add any further campers and if you take something away, from then on, you have to comply. Chair Nelson requested that Robert send a letter asking the property owner to document if they are using the boat house as a bunk house, if they have replaced any campers, updated decks and how are they handling their sewage. Then when we hear back, visit the site with the photos we have on file and see if everything they documented is correct or not. The Town Board will review the documentation when Robert receives it.

Park Drive-Robert stated that he talked to the property owner and the property owner stated he did clear a lot of land with a lot of diseased trees and he has been grinding a lot of stumps. The property owner told Robert he has no intention what-so-ever to turn this into a commercial operation of any kind. He said he has brought some fixer-upper vehicles home for his boys to work on. The property owner stated he has no desire to start a Home Business there but he might build an accessory building-a garage, where he can work on cars with his kids, trying to encourage them to have that as a hobby instead of getting into trouble. Robert stated he measured out there and the Ordinance says he can only remove 25% of the vegetation in the shore impact zone and the definition of that, Robert feels, is really the first 50 feet from the lake. Robert feels the property owner is fine there. Chair Nelson requested that Robert tell him to be neighborly, try limiting the noise and the times. If we get more complaints, we will have to revisit it. Robert told the property owner if he has any questions about future use or what their conversation was, the property owner can send him an email and the property owner did that. (Copy will be in the file) Then everything will be documented and we will also print the photos Robert took and put them in the file.

Hemlock Drive-Chair Nelson requested that the Clerk contact the Sheriff's Office to see if they would increase patrol and cruise by there and let us know if they have any recommendations on how to handle this matter.

CDGB Grant-Chair Nelson stated he talked to Stacy Harter, from Arola Architecture Studio and she would like to do a walk through and make a proposal in terms of the overall project, not just the gym. Chair Nelson will set up a meeting with Kurt Blegen, Stacy and he will contact the Clerk to let her know the date of when they will be meeting.

DNR Grant-Motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to accept Alta Survey's quote of \$2,350 to survey the north and east boundaries at the Community Center.

Striping-Clerk Haller contacted Traffic Marking and they will put us on the list for next year to stripe Island Lake Drive and West Pioneer Road.

Garbage on Church Road-The Sheriff's Deputy checked on the garbage and he said there were no names on anything in the garbage. Tom will clean it up and take it to the dump.

Minnesota Power Easement request-Mark Weber responded to the clerk's email and he stated that the legal description was revised and the Tracy Road was removed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Needle Lane-Grader operator Tom Haller went up to Needle Lane and graded it. Dick Haney mentioned that there is no gravel on that road. He went out with some of the people that live on the road and threw some rocks off. Dick stated that the property owners on that road may petition the Town Board to put some gravel on the road.

Culverts on Lawnwood Road-Two new 36" culverts were installed. A gate, that Supervisor Opack designed, was installed in front of the culverts to keep the beavers from plugging it up.

Culvert on the Pioneer Road-Howard Gnesen Road end-Supervisor Opack called Gopher One for a locate for the culvert and he has a replacement culvert set aside at Carlson's. Gary Juten thinks he can install the culvert the first week of November.

Tree trimming-Supervisor Opack stated that the tree trimming on Bergstrom Road is done and that Rick's Tree Service didn't use the total amount we allocated for tree trimming, so he is requesting that we have Rick's Tree Service use the remainder to trim on Pioneer Road west of Howard Gnesen Road. Deputy Clerk Blix will send letters to the residents and Rick's will start trimming at the Howard Gnesen and go west until we have used up the remainder of the money. The letter will give the residents ten (10) days to notify Supervisor Opack or Rick's Trees if they have any questions.

Signs-The Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department requested road name signs for Island Lake Falls Road and Sunset Blvd. The Township does not normally buy signs for those roads because they are not township roads but we are doing it for public safety reasons at the request of the fire department.

St. Louis County Association of Townships-The minutes and meeting calendar were included in the Supervisors packet.

MAT Annual Educational Conference-November 15-17 at the DECC. Supervisors will let the clerk know if they are able to attend, after looking over the conference material.

Front door lock-Robert Aho sent an email stating it took him ten minutes to open the front door and requested that we get it fixed. Tom Haller sprayed some fluid in the lock today and it seems to be working fine.

Enbridge-Supervisor Franckowiak gave the Town Board an envelope that was mailed to George Franckowiak. Supervisor Opack will follow up with them and we will address it at our next meeting.

Claim #14344-We received an email from Lawn Care Precisions stating that they were not paid for the August lawn mowing, so Treasurer, Mary Bjorklund, stopped in today and wrote a check for the claim. Motion to pay the claim was moved, seconded and approved for payment.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Fredenburg Newsletter

Letters from ISD 709 about the questions on the ballot.

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting-Tuesday, November 13, 2018-8:00 p.m. Because of the Veteran's Day holiday.  
Planning Commission-November 21, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.  
Town Board Meeting-November 26, 2018-8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 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: Dick Haney, Judy Gibbs and Dick & Millie Debolt. Employees present were: Robert Aho.