

## Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

October 8, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, October 8, 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 September 10, 2018 and September 24, 2018 Town Board Meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There was one outstanding check for \$152.38.)

### OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning issue-Robert Aho stated he has been leaving him messages and that the organizer of the event at the property came in and got a Special Events Permit and a Sign Permit. Robert stated that the property owner has not responded to the other issues. Supervisor Opack told Robert to send the property owner a certified letter.

Berg Road complaints-Robert Aho stated he kind of dropped the ball on that one. He will get a hold of Jack Singler to see what Jack remembers about the agreement.

Park Drive complaint-Robert stated he went out to the site a couple of times but he didn't see a whole bunch of wrecked cars, but they had cleared a very large area of trees and it is within the Shoreland District. Robert stated they can't remove more than 25% of the trees on a property. Robert stated he called St. Louis County and also got the DNR involved. Robert stated the DNR determined there were no water violations. Chair Nelson asked Robert if he has had a conversation with the property owner to see what his purpose for the clearing is and Robert stated he wanted to check the Ordinance and make sure he had the correct verbiage before he contacted the property owner. A neighbor mentioned there is a lot of shooting going on over there also. Chair Nelson asked Robert to get the clarification of the rules for our next meeting.

Pickup truck-No update.

Hemlock Drive Complaint-Robert hasn't contacted the Sheriff's Department yet to have a Deputy go there with him.

CDBG-Chair Nelson will have information for the next meeting about a firm in Duluth that can help us with the CDBG grant.

DNR Grant-We received the signed forms back and we can begin the work. Deputy Clerk Blix will call Alta Surveyors to find out what it would cost to get the North and East boundaries surveyed.

Snowplowing-Supervisor Opack notified the two companies that submitted bids for snowplowing to tell them who was awarded the contract. When Supervisor Opack contacted one of the companies, and the owner stated he could lower his bid but Supervisor Franckowiak stated that we had their bids and have already made a motion, second and Board approved to go with Rick's Trees bid.

Striping Island Lake Drive and West Pioneer Road-Clerk Haller contacted Traffic Marking, Inc. and they stated they are done striping in this area, but if we send them an email stating what we want done on the road, if the County called them back out to this area, they could do it, otherwise it would have to be on their list for next year. Clerk will let them know what we need done on these two roads.

Settlement agreement-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved to have Chair Nelson sign off on the agreement between the Township and Petitioner that our attorney was presented.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller stated that he and Melody Morris travelled all the township roads today and located the culverts. Melody will make an app where we can easily locate all our culverts and it will be available for the township and the County, so if we need a culvert steamed, they would be able to use the app to find its location. Tom reported that it looks like someone is taking apart big screen TVs and cutting out all the parts they can salvage and then throwing the rest on Pioneer Road. Clerk was instructed to contact the Sheriff and ask them when they are out patrolling to travel the Pioneer Road and look at the dumping.

Culvert replacement on Lawnwood Road-The culvert will be replaced on October 12<sup>th</sup>, depending on the weather. We will put in two 36" 30 foot culverts, which Supervisor Opack will pick up. He has contacted Gopher One. Deputy Clerk Blix prepared the letters to notify the residents on Lawnwood Road that the road would be closed while we replace the culvert.

Tree trimming on Bergstrom Road-Supervisor Opack is not sure the tree trimming has been completed yet. Rick's Tree Service will bring the wood chips to the Community Center for the trails we will be making with the DNR Grant.

Gnesen Community Center-Supervisor Opack asked if the Fire Department would pressure wash the tennis courts and it was decided to wait till spring to have them wash the courts. Kurt Blegen notified the electrician that the slab is poured and the electrician felt he could still get the generator installed this fall. Kurt reported there were no leaks in the gym roof.

Gnesen Community Newsletter- Cindy Erickson got the article for the newspaper about the new "Little Library" installed at the Center. She updated the website with the new map, CUP form and put a ticker across the top of the site about voting.

Crime activity report from St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for September-There were 13 crime activity records printed.

Needle Lane-We received an email from a summer resident asking to get the road graded and some gravel applied. Grader operator Haller was told to take some notes when he grades it this fall to see if there are some spots where we can make improvements, where we could put some gravel to help with washouts.

Signs-Clerk will order a replacement Dead End Sign for Island Lake Drive that Mark Myles requested we replace. Mark also mentioned that the centerline needs to be restriped.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan-We received a letter notifying us that the Planning & Community Development Department will be holding a Public Hearing on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Virginia about the proposed plan.

Resolution #18-16-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to appoint the election judges listed in the resolution.

DAT Meeting Minutes and Agenda-October 18<sup>th</sup> at Rice Lake City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Clerk will check with Solway to see if they got a speaker.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Only those noted above

Four building permits, one Special Events Permit and one Sign Permit were turned in for the month of September 2018.

## Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-October 17 2018 7:30 p.m. CUP Island Lake Inn/Watters, Inc.

DAT Meeting-October 18, 2018-6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-October 22, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.

Election-November 6, 2018 Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-November 13, 2018-8:00 p.m. NOTE DAY CHANGE because of Veteran's Day.

Disbursements #14323 through #14343 and five electronic transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$9,467.26 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Nelson, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 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: Gary Bjorklund. Employees present were: Robert Aho, Kurt Blegen, Toni Blomdahl, Cindy Erickson and Tom Haller.