

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Tuesday, November 13, 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 Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved.

Minutes of the October 8, 2018 and October 22, 2018 Town Board Meetings were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack second by Chair Nelson.

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 \$188.31.)

OLD BUSINESS:

CUP for Island Lake Inn approval-The Planning Commission recommended approval of the dynamic sign Conditional Use Permit for ILI/Kathy Watters and Jeri Swanstrom. The Town Board reviewed the Findings of Facts submitted and attached to these minutes. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to approve the CUP for Island Lake Inn.

P&Z matter-Robert Aho stated that the property owner has not responded to the letter that was mailed out. Chair Nelson asked Robert to follow up with a call to the property owner.

P&Z complaints-Sarah Blix did find the minutes that stated the agreement Jack Singler made with the property owner. "As buildings are removed from the property, no new buildings could come in their place." Robert Aho stated he is in the process of organizing a meeting with the property owners. When he has the meeting, he will document where the buildings are; find out what has changed since the pictures that were taken before and find out how they are treating the sewage.

P&Z complaint-Robert forwarded an email to the Town clerk answering the questions the property owner had about how he can use his property so we have a paper trail of the response.

P&Z issues-Ken Gilbertson asked to be on the agenda to speak about some information he collected on the issues at Eagle Lake, but Ken was not here tonight. Chair Nelson will follow up with Ken.

Pickup truck-Supervisor Opack got a return phone call from Tom Lattimore asking if we are still interested in purchasing a truck. Tom will get Supervisor Opack the information on what trucks are available

P&Z Complaint-Clerk contacted St. Louis County Sheriff's Department and he stated that when the Zoning Officer wants to inspect a property, he should call 911 and request a Deputy for a standby while he completes his inspection.

Complaints of shooting in a neighborhood-If a neighbor feels the shooting is being done in an unsafe manner, the Sheriff's Department asked that they call 911 at the time the subject is doing the shooting and a deputy will respond.

CDBG-Chair Nelson and GCC janitor Kurt Blegen met with Stacy Harter from Arola Architects at the Community Center and Stacy stated that the building is a very solid building and investing in it makes sense. Stacy will submit a proposal to give us a scope of what it will cost to do office space and an emergency shelter at the Community Center.

Enbridge-Supervisor Opack contacted Enbridge and it is a non-issue.

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

Gravel pit run-off-We received an email from Craig Weingart, from the MPCA about the run-off from the gravel pit. Craig also talked with Chair Nelson about the matter. Chair Nelson will contact the DNR to see who can go on private property to check for run-off from drive-ways, and etc.

DUWAC Agreement-Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to have Chair Nelson sign the MOU paperwork.

St. Louis Planning & Community Development Department letter-They continued the public hearing to accommodate changes based on public comments received. Letter was included in the Supervisor's packet with information where you can view the plan on their website <http://planslcmn.com>.

Signs-The Dead End sign on Island Lake Drive has been replaced. Names signs for Island Lake Falls Road and Sunset Blvd have been installed.

Streamlining the permitting process-The matter was tabled and the Town Board will go over it before the next Town Board Meeting.

Alta Land Surveying Company-They will be back on November 19th after deer season is over.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller reported that he went on a road check today and the roads were unplowed and snow covered, but in fair condition. There were no water problems with the culverts. Tom reported that there has been a car parked in the turn-around on Musolf Road and we will follow up with the property owner and the Sheriff's Department to see who the car belongs to and have it moved out of the turn-around. Supervisor Opack got a call from Scott Olson from St. Louis County about the turn-around on Musolf Road and Berg Road and he handled those questions. The County also asked if they could fill the holes on the West Pioneer Road and bill the township and Supervisor Opack gave them the okay to do that. Supervisor Opack stated that Deputy Clerk Blix sent out the tree-trimming letters to the land owners on Pioneer Road and he received a call from one homeowner asking what the plans are and Supervisor Opack explained to the land owner what we are doing as far as tree trimming. Supervisor Opack stated that Rick's Tree Service asked if we wanted to stockpile the wood chips at the Community Center but it was decided to hold off on stockpiling them for this year.

Culvert replacement on Pioneer Road-The culvert was replaced on November 9th and Supervisor Opack stated we will need a couple loads of gravel on the road next spring.

Echo Lane-Supervisor Opack stated that the culvert on the top of the hill was covered up when a land owner had some site prep work done. Supervisor Opack had the contractor, who did the site prep, come back and uncover the culvert.

Gnesen Community Center-Ted Raymond poured the concrete for the generator slab and Kurt talked to John Stephen and told John we are ready for the generator.

Gnesen Community Newsletter- Cindy Erickson reported everything is going well with the newsletter.

Crime activity report from St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for October-There was 11 crime activity records printed.

Letter from Arrowhead Regional Development Commission-They are looking for a Township Official Representative for St. Louis County ARDC Representative. No Supervisors were interested.

Letter from University of Minnesota-Wood ash application-Phil Smith-4311 Normanna Road application to land apply wood ash and/or lime on his site has been reviewed and accepted.

Letter from St. Louis County Commissioners-The Commissioners asked if we would host one of their regular Board Meetings here at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Supervisors stated that they would host the meeting and will provide coffee, water and donuts.

General Election summary of results-A report of the results was given to the Supervisors.

Redact from the minutes-Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved to redact a property owner's name from the October 8, 2018 minutes as per the property owner's request.

CORRESPONDENCE:

St. Louis County Association of Townships Meeting Minutes
Duluth Township Newsletter

Thank you card from Mary Bjorklund

Five building permits and one Sign Permit were turned in for the month of October 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-November 21, 2018-7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-November 26, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Disbursements #14345 through #14379 and four electronic transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$23,306.82 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 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: Ted Raymond. Employees present were: Robert Aho, Kurt Blegen, Cindy Erickson and Tom Haller.