

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, November 26, 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2018 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Franckowiak and second by Chair Nelson.

Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to suspend the agenda to hear from Ted Franckowiak and Steve Franckowiak about the blacktop in front of St. Joseph's Church. Ted asked if they needed to get approval to do some work on the Church Road in front of the church as this is a Township Road. They would like to peel off all the blacktop, grade the road so it slopes to the west and re-blacktop the road down to their parking lot driveway. Chair Nelson stated that they could go ahead with the planning. Supervisor Franckowiak suggested that they get the price quotes broken up into three categories: Cost to remove the blacktop; cost to grade the road; and cost of asphalt and then come back to the Town Board with the prices. In terms of what we can do, either by doing the work or contributing, will be based on the bids and the prices.

OLD BUSINESS:

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Musolf Road-Grader operator, Tom Haller, checked today and the car that was parked at the end of the road has been removed from our turn around.

Pick-up truck-Tom Lattimore, from the DNR sent two pictures of trucks that are available for the Township to purchase through them. Supervisor Opack gave a brief description of the trucks. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Nelson, all in favor to purchase the 2011 GMC 3500 one ton truck with 100,000 miles for \$20,000.00. The money will come out of our Capital Improvement Fund.

CDBG Grant-Stacy Harter was wrapping up another project and she will get the information to us for our next meeting.

Gravel pit run-off-The DNR is looking into the run-off problem.

P&Z issue-We received an email from our lawyer and the fully-executed Settlement Agreement has been approved by the Town Board at a public meeting and may be produced upon proper request by a member of the public.

Streamlining the permitting process-Clerk and deputy clerk went through the Zoning Ordinance and the process by which we issue building permits and have purposed a way to streamline the process as requested by the Town Board. Supervisor Opack suggested we present the proposal to the Planning Commission Board. Chair Nelson agreed that we should present this recommendation of changes to them and ask them to look it over and tell us what they think.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Officer-Robert Aho handed in a letter of resignation, his time sheet and the keys to the Town Hall. Clerk will ask Cindy to post the opening on our website and we will advertise in the Newsletter.

Resolution #18-17-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved to accept the \$640.00 worth of donations that we have received this year from Gnesen residents.

Membership letter-Deputy Clerk Blix prepared a membership letter to mail out to the residents of Gnesen. Chair Nelson asked Sarah to add to the letter that next year we will be putting in trails, a play-scape and disk golf.

Letter from St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Department-After much work, they voted unanimously to move the Comprehensive Land Use Plan forward to the County Board of Commissioners. The next step will be a public hearing on January 22, 2019. A copy of the final draft of the plan can be found on the plan website at: planslcmn.com.

Planning Commission-Kevin Haberman stated that he is retiring from the Planning Commission when his term is up in March. Clerk will advertise in the Gnesen Newsletter and thank Kevin for nine (9) years of dedication to the Commission Board. Carter Williams and Peter Bergman positions are up in March also and the Town Clerk will ask them if they are willing to be re-appointed.

Sanding the Church and Pioneer Road-We received requested from residents to sand the road. Clerk Haller will send an email to St. Louis County requesting they sand Pioneer and Church Roads.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

FYI: We are offering a Safe Drivers Course at the Community Center on December 6th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Planning Commission-December 19, 2018 – 7:30 p.m. Variance for Kim & Dede Chart

Town Board Meeting-December 24, 2018-8:00 p.m. Cancelled because of the Holiday.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 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 Franckowiak and Steve Franckowiak. Employees present were: Robert Aho.