

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, December 10, 2018, at the Gnesen Town Hall. All officers were present.

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 November 26, 2018 Town Board Meeting was unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Franckowiak second by Supervisor Nelson.

Motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were four outstanding checks for a total of \$630.01.)

OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z Matters-Clerk Haller sent two property owners a letter telling them we are in the process of hiring a new Zoning Officer and the new officer will be getting in touch with them. Clerk Haller mentioned in the letter to one property owner that he had been talking to Robert Aho about putting up a fence and she asked the property owner to keep working towards compliance. In the other letter to a property owner, she asked them to send the report of how they handle their sewage to the Town Hall.

Pickup truck-They sent us an application for eligibility form to fill out. Chair Nelson stated he would fill this out and mail it in.

CDBG-Chair Nelson asked if the clerk had gotten a copy of the report from Stacy Harder's proposal but the clerk had not received Jon's email. Chair Nelson will email it to the Clerk and she will get it to the other Supervisors. Chair Nelson stated that the proposal lays out how Stacy would go about developing a plan and a proposal for us and doing some of that work hourly until we can get the scope of what we want her to do. Stacy is trying to figure out a way to make it work without us having to commit a big price upfront.

New Settlement agreement/Jean Duluth Road issue-Our attorney sent us an email with the Stipulation and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice from the District Court, saying that the case is completely closed.

Alta Land Survey Company-Chair Nelson asked Supervisor Franckowiak if he had any questions or concerns about the survey from Alta and Supervisor Franckowiak said that he already knew about this side of the property, so no questions. Chair Nelson will be meeting with Dick Haney and Ken Gilbertson on Friday to walk the property. Chair Nelson stated that Zach Carl has volunteered to be part of the committee when we get it put together.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller reported that he went on a road check today and the roads are in fair to good winter driving conditions. Tom stated that the County was out to scrape and knock some of the ice off the roads. He also mentioned that the County patched the rough spot over on the Pioneer Road by Mirror Lake. The County did come out and sand the roads. Tom mentioned there were no water issues with the new culverts on Lawnwood Road.

Gnesen Community Center-Toni Blomdahl was not at the meeting tonight. Chair Nelson suggested that Sarah and Lottie talk to Toni and get some information about the rink so Supervisor Franckowiak can relay it to the Fire Department. There was some discussion on a piece of siding that needs to be put on the warming house and the flatness of the rink. Neil Weberg mentioned that when the warming house was built, there was a room for a toilet with a vault underneath and that it would help if we could get a hydrant out there for flooding the rink. Supervisor Opack mentioned that if we have any money left from the DNR Grant, maybe we could do some work on the rink area. Supervisor Opack asked if we have heard anything on the generator and Supervisor Franckowiak stated he would ask Kurt Blegen and Ted Raymond about it and report back to us.

Gnesen Community Newsletter- Cindy Erickson reported that she looked at the website today and the open rate for the newsletter was 50% for the email version and 20% for the website. Cindy felt we were reaching more people when the newsletter was mailed out. Clerk mentioned that we are going to mail out a membership letter to all property owners in Gnesen and in the letter ask the owners if they would like to receive the newsletter and they can specify if they want it mailed or emailed.

Crime activity report from St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for November-There was 12 crime activity records printed.

Duluth Urban Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting-December 20, 2018 at 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Supervisor Franckowiak may attend this meeting.

Letter from St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Department-Public Hearing-

December 13th at 9:00 a.m. to consider a draft future land use map for Town of Canosia and another Public Hearing at 9:10 a.m. to consider establishing the official zoning map. We were notified because we are a municipality within the required notification area of the proposal. Canosia turned their Zoning over to St. Louis County.

Letter from Arrowhead Regional Development Commission-They were asking us to vote for St. Louis County Township Representative, but we did not know any of the people listed on the ballot, so we didn't send in a vote.

Notary-Clerk asked the Supervisors if they wanted Sarah Blix, Deputy Clerk, to take the test to become a Notary. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak to pay the cost for Sarah to take the test and become a notary, all in favor.

Resolution #18-18-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to Designate the Town Hall as the Polling Place for the 2019 Elections.

Town Supervisor position-Filing for Town Supervisor starts on January 1, 2019 and closes on January 15, 2019. Supervisor Opack's position is up for re-election.

Opening on the Planning Commission-There is an opening to fill Kevin Haberman's spot. Kevin is retiring after nine years of service on the Board. Clerk will get the information to Cindy to post on the website. The clerk will give the Planning Commission any Candidate Profile applications that come in and the Commission will make a recommendation to the Town Board to appoint someone for the 3-year term at the Annual Meeting in March. This is a volunteer position.

Opening for a Zoning Officer-Clerk will get the information on this paid position to Cindy to post on the website and the Town Board will review all employment applications and hire the Zoning Officer. Both openings will be listed in the Gnesen Newsletter also.

CORRESPONDENCE:

St. Louis County Association of Townships Meeting Minutes.

Christmas cards from McCoy (John Deere) and Animal Allies.

One building permits and one Sign Permit was turned in for the month of November 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-December 19, 2018-7:30 p.m. (Variance Public Hearing)

Town Board Meeting-January 14, 2019 – 8:00 p.m.

Disbursements #14380 through #14407 and four electronic transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$52,368.58 with a motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 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: Neil Weberg and Molly Weberg Employees present were: Cindy Erickson and Tom Haller.