

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

January 28, 2019

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, 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 Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

OLD BUSINESS:

P&Z Matters-Clerk has not heard back from either of the owners of the property with issues. St. Louis County Assessor's Office sent some 2015 pictures of the one property and there have been several decks built on the property with no permits obtained. There are also several updated trailers, which breaks the grandfathered-in agreement with Jack Singler. All this information will be given to the new Zoning Officer when one is hired.

Pick-up truck-Clerk sent an email to Tom Lattimore and he stated he would check into why we haven't been contacted to come pick up the truck.

CDBG-Chair Nelson walked the trail with Ken Gilbertson and Dick Haney. There was discussion on the size of the trails. Chair Nelson asked Dick Haney to pull together a group to start work on the trail project. There was also discussion on the work that needs to be done to the Community Center.

Supervisor position-Dave Opack was the only one that filed for the position, so polls will only be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the Annual Meeting starting at 8:30 p.m.

Zoning Officer-Clerk has received one application. Cindy Erickson will run the ad for another month.

Location for brush-Supervisor Opack has not had a chance to talk to Dave Marciniak yet about whether they would open their gravel pit for people to bring their brush.

Census meeting-Lottie and Sarah meet with the Census person and we will advertise the importance of answering the Census when it comes out and put their ad in our newspaper about jobs that will be available through the Census Bureau.

Pioneer Road Project-We received estimates from Cedar Drive Excavating and Sinnott Blacktop and Chair Nelson will use the numbers to fill out the application for Local Road Improvement Grant.

Firewise-Chair Nelson looked at their website and at this time there are no grants available.

Membership letter-Deputy Clerk Blix sent the membership letter to the printer today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Audit Meeting-The Board of Audit Meeting will be held on February 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Clerk will notify the Fire Department and employees

New desk and computer monitor-Treasurer Mary Bjorklund asked if she could get a new desk and monitor. The Board tabled this until Mary gives the Board some prices on what she wants.

Resolutions-Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to approve Resolution #19-01 and #19-02 Appointing three people as the absentee ballot board and election judges for the March 12, 2019 Township election.

Complaint about snowplowing on the Lawnwood Road-We received a complaint from a property owner about the County not plowing all the road on his side of the road. Supervisor Opack will take a ride up there and will follow up on the complaint.

St. Louis County Hazard Mitigation Plan update media release-The County wants us to get the word out because they would like feedback from residents and businesses regarding natural disaster and potential mitigation actions. Clerk Haller asked Cindy Erickson to put the information in our newsletter and on our website.

Election to fill Pete Stauber position-We received a letter from St. Louis County Administration updating us on the process regarding the vacancy. There will be a special election and in the event that more than two candidates file for the open seat, a special primary will be held on May 14, 2019 and a general election on August 13, 2019. In the event a special primary is not necessary, the general election will be held on May 14th. The other six County Commissioners will make themselves available to us during this transitional time.

Land Stewardship Project-They are calling on us to take action to ensure local control and township rights stays strong. They gave phone numbers to call Governor Tim Walz and Senator Tom Bakk and Representative Rob Ecklund to tell them an important township right that must stay strong is the township authority to enact an interim ordinance or temporary moratorium.

MAT Courses-MAT is offering a course on culverts, but we aren't interested at this time.

Pest control-We received a proposal on general pest control for the Community Center and the Board voted to go with their proposal for eight times a year.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager-Sarah Blix will be taking over as the new building manager. Sarah meet at the Center tonight with Chair Nelson and went over some questions and concerns she has about the Center. The Board suggested that she set up a time to meet with Kurt Blegen the janitor, and make a to-do list of things that need attention. Sarah will also be going through stuff at the Center and she was given permission to rent a dumpster to get rid of old chairs, broken toys & etc.

Planning Commission Meeting-Supervisor Franckowiak will attend the next Planning Commission Meeting in Supervisor Opack's place as he will be unable to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence were gone over.

Upcoming meetings:

Town Board Meeting-February 11, 2019-8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-February 20, 2019-7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-February 25, 2019

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)