

Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

January 22, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting and the Board of Audit Meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, January 22, 2018, at the Gnesen Town Hall.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Jon Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Vice Chair Jon Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack and unanimously approved. Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Vice Chair Nelson.

A motion was made by Supervisor Opack, second by Vice Chair Nelson and unanimously approved to suspend the agenda to review the Liquor License, CUP and Board of Audit Meeting as mentioned in the agenda.

Liquor License for Island Lake Inn-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Vice Chair Nelson, all in favor to transfer the Combination On/Off-Sale/Sunday On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License for Watters LLC d/b/a Island Lake Inn located at 7153 Rice Lake Road, Duluth, MN 55803.

Conditional Use Permit (CUP)-As per our Ordinance #10 section 10.114 the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on January 17, 2018 on the CUP request and made recommendations with finding and conditions to the Town Board. We received an email from the property owner stating that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting where the Town Board may approve or deny the CUP on the findings submitted to them from the Planning Commission so the Town Board tabled this until next month's meeting.

Board of Audit-Members from the Fire Department present were Marcia Haller and Ed Franckowiak. Town Board Members present were Jon Nelson, David Opack, Lottie Haller, Mary Bjorklund and Toni Blomdahl. Employees present were Robert Aho and Tom Haller. Visitor-Jason Haller. The Board went over the proposed budget for 2019. After much discussion on future needs for the township, Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to keep the budget the same as last year-\$270,000.00. We went over the pay rates and Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to raise the pay rates for the Planning Commission Secretary, Summer Youth Aide and the Newspaper Editor effective immediately. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Vice Chair Nelson, all in favor to pay the annual dues to the Minnesota Association of Townships and County Unit Dues for 2018. Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to pay expenses of Town Officials to attend meetings relating to Town Business-including meetings of Town Associations. The Board went over the clerk's books and the treasurer's book and found them all in order. The Board pulled four random receipts and four random disbursements and verified their accuracy.

Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to end the suspension of the agenda at 9:08 p.m. and resume the regular approved agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDBG Grant-Vice Chair Nelson stated that we requested a grant in the amount of \$35,700.00 and the CDBG Advisory Committee initial funding recommendation amount is \$14,000.00. The Advisory Committee will create a final recommendation that will be forwarded to the St. Louis County Board.

Filing-Jon Nelson was the only person to file for the Town Supervisor position.

Corrections to Resolutions-Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to correct Resolution #17-10 to be #17-11 and #17-11 to be #17-12 as #17-10 was already assigned. The correction will be made in the Resolution Book and the Minute Book.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #18-02 Appointing Election Judges-Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to appoint election judges for the March 13, 2018 Town Annual Election.

Resolution #18-03 Appointing Absentee Ballot Board- Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor to appoint absentee ballot board for the March 13, 2018 Town Annual Election.

Annual Meeting-The Annual Meeting will be held on March 13, 2018 at 8:30 p.m. Polls will be open 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precinct Caucus -February 6, 2018-Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party will meet at the Gnesen Community Center at 6:00 p.m. Republican Party will meet at Fredenberg Town Hall. To find information about Caucus finder go to <http://caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us>.

St. Louis County Association of Townships-Minutes, meeting calendar, resolution to reinstate Kent Sulem and a Lobby Day invitation. They also sent a 2018 pocket calendar for each officer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence was received.

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting-February 12, 2018- 8:00 p.m.

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

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

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. with a motion by Vice Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting were: Ed Franckowiak, Jason and Marcia Haller, Todd Landon, Dick Peterson, Mike Robinson, Rob Juten, Willie and Kathy Watters and Jeri Swanstrom. Employees present: Robert Aho and Tom Haller.