

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 23, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 23, 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 David Opack, second by Chair Jon Nelson and unanimously approved. Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Town Board meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

OLD BUSINESS:

St. Louis County Sand Pit-Supervisor Opack stated that he has not heard back from the County after we sent the letter, EAW and CUP information to them.

Pre-design for the Community Center-Robert Aho stated that he met with Kurt Blegen at the Center last week and did a walk through. He stated he has a fairly large list of bullet points with some ideas to fix the roof. Supervisor Opack told Robert that we need to get this moving as contractors are getting busy already. Supervisor Opack stated we need to get the information and prioritize what is the most important repair and get that done first.

Duluth Urban Watershed-Chair Nelson has scheduled a presentation of the draft Memorandum of Understanding with the program leader for May 14, 2018 at the Gnesen Town Hall.

Eagle Lake Shoreline-Chair Nelson stated that he contacted the DNR and they have new language and requirements now and they will take care of the problem. They will be sending the new requirements out to the land owners. Chair Nelson stated that the Town Board will talk to Jesse Schomberg from the MN Sea Grant Program when we have the May 14th meeting.

Rice Lake Road Speed Limit increase-A Gnesen resident, sent an email to Vic Lund-Traffic Engineer for St. Louis County and Vic stated that according to state law, counties, townships and cities do not have the authority to establish their own speed limits. This authority is exclusively given to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). St. Louis County believed the speed limit should be changed, so they submitted a request to MnDOT to perform a traffic engineering investigation to make a determination of the appropriate speed limit. During this traffic engineering investigation, the local MnDOT traffic engineer and a local state patrol officer review the speed limit zone together. This included a field review. They make a recommendation of a new speed zone and submit to the MnDOT state traffic engineer's office in St. Paul. This office reviews the recommendation and then makes the final determination of the appropriate speed limit. For CSAH 4 (Rice Lake Road), they determined the new speed zone you see. The Town Board will discuss this further with Vic Lund at the DAT Meeting on May 17th.

P&Z matter-Zoning Officer Robert Aho stated that he would be setting up a meeting with the property owner to discuss the clean up process and the necessary building permits he needs to apply for.

Memorial tree-The Town Board discussed planting a tree at the Community Center in memory of George Franckowiak's many years of service to this community. It was also discussed to install a plaque that names can be added to the plaque honoring others that have served for a number of years. Supervisor Opack will get in contact with Jeff's Landscaping to get some prices and suggestions on different types of trees and the plaque.

Aquatic invasive species presentation-The Town Clerk heard back from lake association groups that they would be interested in a presentation on aquatic invasive species so Chair Nelson will contact Doug Jensen and set up a date and time to do a presentation at the Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Review Meeting-The Town Clerk will contact Supervisor Ed Franckowiak to find out what dates work for him to attend the Road Review and she will get the day and time posted.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Crime Activity Report-There was 12 crime activity records printed for March.

Community Garden at the Community Center-Supervisor Opack stated that a couple of people have talked to him about a community garden. Discussion followed and it was decided to have Cindy Erickson put a survey on the website to see if there is enough interest in starting a community garden.

Upgrading our grader-Supervisor Opack asked for permission to contact a couple dealers in the area to get information on upgrading our equipment, possibly having them demo a machine for us. Chair Nelson stated that Supervisor Opack could contact the dealers in the area.

Minutes and agenda from St. Louis County Association of Townships-Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 25th. Speaker will be Kristin Fogard, St. Louis County Weed Inspector at Solway Town Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE:

One piece of correspondence was received.

Disbursement #EFT315 was read, approved and signed for \$191.56 to Minnesota Revenue for 1st quarter State Withholding Tax with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Appeals and Equalization-May 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Town Board Meeting-May 14, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission-May 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Rice Lake City Hall

Town Board Meeting-Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. because of the Memorial Day Holiday

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting were: Richard Haney. Employees present were: Robert Aho.