

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

June 11, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, June 11, 2018, at the Gnesen Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:16 p.m. by Chair Jon Nelson. There was an Aquatic Invasive Species Presentation that went from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. presented by Doug Jensen attended by sixteen people. It was a very informative presentation and Doug suggested their websites- www.ProtectYourWaters.net and seagrant.umn.edu/ais if you would like additional information. The Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers campaign empowers recreational users to stop the transport and spread of these harmful aquatic invasive species. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

Minutes of the May 29, 2018 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

Motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's report. (There were two outstanding checks for the month for a total of \$576.52.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposal from Jeff's Landscaping-Jeff gave prices for different trees and Supervisor Franckowiak asked if we table this until he has a chance to discuss it with his mom and two sisters.

Brushing on Bergstrom Road-The clerk mailed out letters to the property owners on Bergstrom Road on June 6th giving them fourteen (14) days to respond. Supervisor Opack stated that Rick's Tree Service will be marking the trees to be removed.

Grader-Supervisor Opack has been checking on new grader prices, governmental agency rental machines prices and there are a lot of options to look at before any decision is made whether to buy a grader or not.

Water at the Town Hall-Supervisor Franckowiak is working on getting Rasmussen Well Drillers out here to check on the well.

Nortrax Power Plan-They did not receive the check we wrote to them last month, so we will need to issue another one tonight.

Community Development Block Grant Program-We need to sign the agreement. Chair Nelson and Clerk Haller will look over the information and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report- Grader Operator Tom Haller stated that he drove all the township roads today and the frost boils have disappeared. Sunshine Lake Road and West Pioneer Road will need some recycled blacktop on the aprons. Supervisor Opack stated that Gary Juten said it would be three to four weeks before he can look at the culvert work we need. Supervisor Opack gave the person interested in building on Musolf Road approval to put in a driveway but they would need to put in a culvert for their driveway. Zoning officer, Robert Aho will check on some construction taking place on Echo Lane and Island Lake Drive.

Gnesen Community Center-Building Manager Toni Blomdahl stated that she has a few rentals this summer. Janitor Kurt Blegen stated that he was going to check on the price of a chain-link fence. Supervisor Opack will get some sand for a base for the generator. There was discussion on National Night Out. It will be held on August 7th. Supervisor Opack will talk to Valentini's to get some prices and to see if they will cater the food for the event. Clerk will check on prices of bouncy houses. Mary will bring her animals for a petting zoo.

Gnesen Community Newsletter-Editor Cindy Erickson said she was a little short of articles for the June newspaper, so if anyone has anything they would like included in the newsletter, to get it into her.

Email from MAT Legislative update-We received a survey on Solar Energy and Chair Nelson will complete the survey. No Supervisors were interested in running for the District 10 position.

Letter from the State Demographic Center-2017 Population estimate 1, 747 up from 1,736 and household estimate is 722 up from 716.

Letter from Penny Linn-A group of former Gnesen students are planning an All-Class Reunion for July 6, 2019 and the group is requesting that we waive the rental fee. Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and all in favor to waive the fee. Also, if anyone is interested in helping, they can contact one of the group members by contacting the town clerk and she will give out phone numbers. They have started a website: Gnesenallclassreunion.com.

Letter from St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Department-They are sending the draft goals and objectives out to give us time to review and give feedback. During the week of July 16-19, 2018, St. Louis County will hold a second series of public workshops. The town clerk sent this information on to the Planning Commission.

Letter from St. Louis County Calcium Chloride Dust Control-The cost this year will be \$0.894 a gallon. Jake, from Dust Doctors, says he will charge the same as last year. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Nelson, Board approved to go with Dust Doctors for calcium chloride this year.

New personal emails-Cindy Erickson will set up emails for each of the Supervisors, clerk, deputy clerk and treasurer.

Crime Activity Report-We received the May Report from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondences were received, other than those mentioned above.

Nine building permits were turned in for the month of May 2018.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-June 20, 2018-7:30 p.m. CUP Hearing for Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch.

Town Board Meeting-June 25, 2018-8:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-July 9, 2018-8:00 p.m.

Disbursements #14204 through #14228 and three Electronic Transfers were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of \$11,420.72 with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 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: None. Employees present were: Robert Aho, Sarah Blix, Toni Blomdahl, Cindy Erickson and Tom Haller. Employees absent: Kurt Blegen.