

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

June 25, 2018

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, June 25, 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, with two additional items, was moved by Supervisor Dave Opack, second by Supervisor Ed Franckowiak and unanimously approved. Minutes of the June 11, 2018 Town Board meeting were given to the Supervisors and will be approved at the July 9, 2018 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch Conditional Use Permit-The Planning Commission recommends approval of the Seeds of Hope Youth Ranch CUP with the conditions listed. The Town Board went over the CUP and made clarification to the conditions set by the Planning Commission. The Town Board feels that the major problems with this CUP would be running to late, dust, noise and parking on the road, so they want to be sure that is addressed in the conditions imposed on the CUP. The Town Clerk will make the corrections to the conditions and send a copy to Seeds of Hope to review and it will be discussed again on July 9, 2018 at the next Town Board Meeting. The Town Board asked Russell Krook to provide data with the number of participants at the ranch for 2017 so we have a base line to compare when we do future review visits. There was discussion on the language in our Ordinance as to how many horses are allowed on a parcel and the Town Supervisors would like the Planning Commission to revisit this language.

Planting a tree at the Community Center-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, with Supervisor Franckowiak abstaining, to purchase from Jeff's Landscaping the best, strongest maple to be planted in the circle at the Community Center. Supervisor Franckowiak will notify Jeff of the decision.

Bergstrom Road brushing-There was one property owner who responded to the letter mailed to property owners on Bergstrom Road and Supervisor Opack has contacted the property owner and stated that he looked at the trees that have been marked and the trees the property owner is concerned about and we will just trim those trees. Supervisor Opack will contact Rick to tell him he can start brushing and he will be on site when Rick's Tree Service is trimming and cutting down the trees in the heavily populated area.

Grader-Supervisor Opack gave an update on the graders he has been researching and there are several options if we decide we need to get a new grader.

Water at the Town Hall-Supervisor Franckowiak had contacted Rasmussen Well Drilling and they are going to come to the Town Hall and test the water.

CDBG Grant-We will table this until we have more time to go over all the paperwork.

National Night Out-Supervisor Opack stated that Valentini's will cater the food for the event and we will serve it. Clerk has contacted St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and they will have a Deputy here for the evening. Clerk has also contacted Memorial Blood Center and we will host a blood drive from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Franckowiak stated that the Fire Department will be at the event with the new fire truck. We will also host some games for the children.

Chain link fence for around the generator-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to spend up to \$450.00 for a 6' x 10' chain link fence, all in favor. Supervisor Franckowiak will notify Kurt Blegen to go ahead with the purchase.

Emails-Gnesen Newspaper Editor, Cindy Erickson sent instructions as to how to set up our personal township emails and she would like everyone to activate them by July 15th.

St. Louis County Planning & Community Development Department-Supervisors were given the goals and objectives to review and they did not have any comments that they wanted submitted.

Permit fees increase-The Planning Commission has recommended the increase of Residential Building Permits to \$300.00 and added Special Events Permits for \$40.00 to the fee schedule. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak to approve both the permit fees, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from the Department of Natural Resources-Our application for a FY'19 Outdoor Recreation Grant Program has been selected for funding. They will contact us with information on how to proceed with the project. Chair Nelson asked the clerk to have Toni Blomdahl follow up with the UMD Students on this.

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Essentia Wellness Center Groundbreaking Ceremony-July 10th at 9:00 a.m. at 4289 Ugstad Road in Hermantown.

Pioneer Road-Supervisor Opack received a call from a property owner wanting to haul gravel on the five ton road. Discussion followed on this and Supervisor Opack will look into this.

Zoning Officer's salary-The Zoning Officer made a request to look at the salary of the Zoning Officer. The Town Supervisors asked the Town Clerk to do some research for future discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two piece of correspondence were received.

Upcoming Meetings:

Summer Short Course-June 28, 2018 at 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the DECC.

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

Planning Commission-July 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-July 23, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all in favor. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting were: Russell Krook and his sister-in-law. Employees present were: Robert Aho.