

## Summary Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

May 24, 2021. (This meeting was held during a peacetime state of emergency/declared pandemic and was conducted in person.) The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, May 24, 2021, in person. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. All voted in favor.

Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

### OLD BUSINESS:

American Towers about the cell tower by Jay and Marcia Haller's home-They were not on the agenda that was presented but Chair Nelson gave an update on what he has heard from Jay and Marcia and also an update on what has transpired since the meeting with the American Tower's representative. Neither Nate LaCoursiere, our attorney nor Nathan Horyza, our Zoning Officer have heard anything from AT&T or Team Mobile, who we are trying to get to come out and do a reading.

Striping and crack sealing-We are still looking for contacts to get some pricing.

Township Preparedness Plan-Chair Nelson stated that the mask and social distancing has been lifted so we can open up for rentals. So effective June 1, 2021, we will open up for public meetings, rentals and we will host the National Night Out. Supervisor Franckowiak asked if we had finalize our rental rates and Clerk Haller stated that we have and she will put them on our website and mention it in the next newsletter. Chair Nelson stated that we still need to do cleaning and sanitizing. Supervisor Opack stated that we might need to find a helper for Jody Cooke, the janitor. It was suggested that we see how things are going with rentals and if Jody needs any help. We will host National Night Out and Supervisor Opack suggested that we contact some of the local establishments to see if they are interested in catering our National Night Out Event in August. We will also have the Blood Mobile back for this event and we will promote the playground, playscape, trails, and disc golf that we have available here at the Center when we advertise for National Night Out.

Resolution #21-13-Approving replacement cost coverage-We approved going with the replacement cost coverage at our April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, but we did not have the Resolution done that night, so we need to approve it tonight. Supervisor Franckowiak made the motion to approve going with the replacement cost coverage instead of the agreed value, second by Supervisor Opack, all in favor.

GCC-Chair Nelson mentioned that we did not have the Community Center on the agenda for tonight but he wanted to talk about the recommendations from the college students for new signs, additions to the kiosk, QR codes and interpretive signs. Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to spend up to \$500.00 to implement the recommendations that we had accepted from that group of students, also building on some of the history of the area, moonshining, trolls, updating what we have now. All voted in favor.

Broadband update-Chair Nelson gave an update on meeting held with Rice Lake and Lakewood Township to continue to look for options for getting better broadband in Gnesen Township. Chair Nelson talked about working with a private provider to get fiber in the ground and the Township could look at bonding as a way to match government grants. The group is putting a grant application together.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Crime Activity Report for April-The report was in the packet for this evening. Nine crime activities reported.

Road Review-The Town Board Supervisors were given copies of the Road Review Minutes. Chair Nelson approved the minutes, second by Supervisor Opack, all voted in favor.

Resolution #21-14 Revoking the Designation of Needle Lane as a Minimum-Maintenance Road-Supervisor Opack made the motion to revoke the designation, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all

voted in favor. There was also a legal description of what Needle Lane is when we legalized the Township roads many years ago. Tom Haller will remove the minimum maintenance sign.

Needle Lane-There was much discussion on the needed improvements to Needle Lane. Aaron Hildebrant discussed the need for a short-term solution and a long-term plan. The Town Board stated that we will put gravel on there this year and we will be responsible for the snowplowing now. Supervisor Franckowiak stated that he can help spot trucks when we apply gravel.

Membership Cards from MAT-The cards were passed out to the Board.

St. Louis County Association of Townships Meeting Minutes and agenda-Were included in the packet.

May 2021 MAT Newsletter-Was included in their packet.

Recess the meeting to do the AWAIR Safety Meeting-Sarah Blix, Mary Bjorklund, Tom Haller and Jody Cooke were also present for this meeting. AWAIR Meeting Minutes will be attached to these meeting minutes.

Reconvened the Town Board Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Gnesen Community Center-Supervisor Opack had Rick's Tree Service come out and put the light on the flag pole. Jody and Dave took care of the tree that needed to be removed from the trail. Dave stated that we need a freezer for the kitchen. Chair Nelson will look into what Red Cross will require for the freezer, whether commercial or just a regular freezer. There was some discussion on whether we could use the Covid ARP money for purchasing it. There was talk about setting up an exercise class for the residents at the Center. Sarah mentioned someone who has reached out to her about doing some classes here such as Silver Sneakers. Sarah will bring some information about this back to the next Town Board Meeting. There was discussion on the Boy Scouts renting the Center for their event in June for Friday and Saturday, an indoor/outdoor camp. They are wondering about the Town Board waiving the fee and they would do some on-site volunteer work as repayment. Jody mentioned that he was having problems with the bun warmer and the oven in the kitchen. Supervisor Franckowiak stated that we should have new equipment in our new kitchen.

Clerk's notes-Clerk Haller has ordered the new voting machine and the new cutting edges for the grader.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing other than those discussed above.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Aaron and Char Hildebrant, Davey Stewart, Kevin Frederickson, and Edna Seeley. Employees present were mentioned above. Employees absent that were required to be here but unavailable were-Nathan Horyza.

Upcoming meetings: (These meetings will be conducted in person)

Town Board Meeting-June 14, 2021-8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-June 16, 2021-7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-June 28, 2021-8:00 p.m.