

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

August 23, 2021

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, August 23, 2021. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson	Chair
Dave Opack	Supervisor
Ed Franckowiak	Supervisor
Lottie Haller	Clerk
Sarah Blix	Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

OLD BUSINESS:

Broadband-Chair Nelson gave an update stating that the CTC/NESC Grant application to NTIA has been submitted and we should know something by November.

District 10 Meeting-Information on the District 10 zoom meeting on August 26th.

Township Legal Seminar-October 16, 2021 in Cotton Town Hall.

Quotes to patch the blacktop at the Community Center-We received two quotes and the companies giving the quotes stated that the patch would not last and that we should redo the whole parking lot. So after much discussion, it was decided to not take any action on these two bids. Sarah Blix will apply next spring for the DNR grant and if we were awarded the grant we could do the parking lot and the tennis courts but the money wouldn't be awarded until 2023.

Needle Lane-Supervisor Opack stated that Ulland Brothers is not selling any Class 5 gravel as of today. There was discussion on purchasing gravel from other gravel pits, the cost to haul it, and the possibility of using screened gravel. Supervisor Opack is checking on all of these possibilities and he will come back with the information at our next meeting. So, we cannot act on this until we can get some gravel. Supervisor Opack contacted the County to see if they would plow Needle Lane and they stated not unless we brought it up to County specs. Tom Haller and Jody Cooke went up to Needle Lane and did the brushing.

Snowplowing-We received one quote on snowplowing the four lanes over by Eagle Lake, the Berg Road and Needle Lane. After much discussion, the Board decided to extend the deadline for getting quotes in by September 27th.

Roof above the kitchen-Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to go with Duluth Roofing Company's quote of \$3,296.93 to repair the roof-rubber membrane, flashing and foam. Jody will ask if they offer a warranty for this project.

Blacktop removal on the west end of West Pioneer Road-Supervisor Opack stated that Cedar Drive Excavating will do the job in the middle of September.

American Towers-Our lawyer, Nate LaCoursiere, is composing a draft of a letter to be included with Jay and Marcia Haller's letter. The Town Board will review the draft letter at their September 13th meeting and give it to the Hallers to include with the information they are sending in.

Cupola-Jody Cooke and Sarah Blix will get some prices on what it will cost to remove the cupola and bring them back to the September 13th meeting. Randy Larson, from Meteek Co., came and looked at the cupola and he is willing to take it back to his shop and work on it.

Gutters or insulation-Jody stated that the quote we received previously for the insulation job is no longer valid. The Board decided to revisit this issue in December or January. In the meantime, Jody and Sarah have talked about ways to alleviate the ice build-up problem.

Gym doors-The doors that were ordered were measure incorrectly, so we are waiting for the re-ordered doors to arrive and the company said they would help Jody install them to make up for their mistake.

Electrical issues in the kitchen and a Class K fire extinguisher-Sarah is waiting for a call back from Johnson Wilson and we will discuss this at our next meeting.

Dog Waste Stations-Sarah has ordered two and Jody will install them.

Finances-Supervisor Opack brought up the subject of investing some of the township’s money. Chair Nelson will reach out to Wells Fargo and National Bank of Commerce and we will discuss this more next month.

Comprehensive Plan-Sarah will send a draft copy of the Comp Plan to the Town Board to look at, and we will have the Comp Plan Work Group meet with us on September 27th to go over the Comp Plan and then we can set up a Public Hearing date to present the Comp Plan to the residents for comments before it is adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from Cooperative Light & Power-Asking us to post a notice that they are applying herbicide on their utility easements. Clerk posted it here at the Community Center.

Couri & Ruppe-Increase to their legal fees.

Candidate nomination-Letter from the Planning Commission to approve Sherri Underthun. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, board approved, to appoint Sherri to the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE:

_____ Letter from St. Louis County Land & Minerals Dept.-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, board approved, to put the conditions that Nathan Horyza, Zoning Officer suggested we impose on the sale of State Tax forfeited land to the adjoining owner-Easy Day Plat- “That the lot must be combined with the lot of whichever adjacent landowner wins the bid.” Clerk will notify Stacy Melcher of this condition.

Upcoming meetings:

Town Board Meeting-September 13, 2021-8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-September 15, 2021-7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-September 27, 2021-8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Marcia Haller, Jay Haller, Aaron Hildebrant, and Char Kehoe.

Employees present: Jody Cooke.

Signed: _____
Jon Nelson, Chair

Lottie Haller, Clerk

Date approved: _____