Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

December 12, 2022

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, December 12, 2022. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson Chair

Ed Franckowiak Supervisor

Gary Juten Supervisor

Sarah Blix Clerk

Hannah Jurek Deputy Clerk

Mary Bjorklund Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chair Nelson. Board Members and two residents stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Bear Lane Road Vacate and St. Louis County roads under new business was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten. All voted in favor.

Treasurer’s report:

Balance for October 2022 $467, 381.33

Receipts for November 2022 +$163,476.73

$630,791.06

Disbursements for November 2022 -41,702.04

Balance for November 2022 $589,156.02

There were five outstanding checks for the month totaling $919.76. Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer’s report.

**DISCUSSION**: Darrin Franckowiak asked if the township would consider purchasing a self-propelled sweeper for cleaning off the ice rink. Darrin said Denny’s has one for $2250.00 and that it could also be used for the parking lot and the tennis courts. Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion to approve the purchase of the sweeper, second by Chair Nelson. All vote in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Minimum Maintenance Section on Church Road-Gates and signs have been installed and the landowner has been notified. Supervisor Juten asked if Phil Smith could get a key as he uses that road to haul hay from Glassman’s to his property on Normanna Road. Supervisor Franckowiak suggested for Phil to talk to the landowner. Nathan said he would like a key as well so he will reach out to the landowner and be the contact.

Broadband Update- Chair Nelson announced that Gnesen Township has finally been accepted for a broadband grant. More information will be coming but as of now the grant encompasses all Gnesen south of Island Lake and all east of Rice Lake Road. Installation could start as early as 2023.

Website Update- Gnesen’s new website is almost complete and will hopefully be up and running by January 1, 2023. Sarah asked permission to approve an one-time fee of $100 for the upgraded calendar for the website. Supervisor Juten made a motion to approve the one-time fee of $100 for the calendar upgrade, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. All vote in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Road Report-Jody stated that all the roads were in good condition. He said the dead tree on Bergstrom Road has finally been removed by Rick’s Tree Service.

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Gnesen Community Center Report- Sarah reported that there are a lot of upcoming rentals, and that the cookie baking day will be held on December 13, 2022 which the funds will be donated to the GCC for the gym floor.

Resolution 22-20 Re-establishing a Polling Place- Chair Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 22-20 to reestablish a polling place in Gnesen, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

Request From Linda Lenard to Rent Old Town Hall for Ongoing Gymnastic Classes-Linda Lenard made a proposal to the Board to see if she could rent the old town hall on a more long-term basis so she could offer gymnastic classes. After asking some questions and answering some of Linda’s, the Board said they would need to think about fees and do a little research then discuss it more at their January Meeting.

Dept of Health Food License for 2023-Supervisor Juten made a motion to approve renewing the license for a fee of $95.00, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. All vote in favor.

St. Louis County Roads- Supervisor Juten said he was contacted by St. Louis County about the number of dead trees that are on Church Road south of Normanna Road. Supervisor Juten said they do not need to come down now, but it should happen soon.

Bear Lane Road Vacate- Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion to approve Resolution 22-19 Vacating a Section of Church Road, second by Chair Nelson. All vote in favor, with Supervisor Juten abstaining. Chair Nelson made a motion to approve the Order Vacating a Town Road, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. All vote in favor, with Supervisor Juten abstaining.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT**: Nathan said he signed the subdivision application for Suzie’s Greenhouse. The subcommittee for the administrative enforcement will present what they have drafted to the Planning Commission at their next meeting. Nathan also asked about the possibility of hiring a Deputy Zoning Officer since things are getting busy and he has a full-time job as well. Discussion was had and it was decided that Sarah will put an ad in the next newsletter to see if there is interest.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

New MAT-U program

Disbursement #15694 thru #15716 and 5 EFT’s were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of $41,733.05 with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Franckowiak all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Marcia & Jay Haller

Employees present: Jody Cooke, Nathan Horyza. Employees absent: None

**Upcoming meetings:**

Variance Public Hearing for 7049 Van Road- December 21, 2022 – 7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meeting-December 21, 2022-7:30 pm

Town Board Meeting-December 26, 2022-Cancelled

Town Board Meeting-January 9, 2023-7:00 pm

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sarah Blix, Clerk Mary Bjorklund, Treasurer

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Jon Nelson, Chair