Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

February 28, 2022

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, February 28, 2022. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson Chair

David Opack Supervisor-Zoom

Ed Franckowiak Supervisor

Lottie Haller Clerk

Sarah Blix Deputy clerk

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. (Correction to the agenda from February 14, 2022-check # should have read check #15410 not 15420 for a total of $15,884.87 not $9,673.07, those check numbers did not include payroll.)

Minutes of the February 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED lights in the Seniors Room-No update, we are still waiting for a bid on the actual fixtures.

Broadband-Chair Nelson stated that NTIA announced recipients of broadband grants late last week. Unfortunately our project was not on the list. CTC is considering a state grant application for this project area. We will have to apply again.

Local Board of Appeals-The County was able to change the Local Board of Appeals Meeting to Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Firewise workshop-We were able to set March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the Firewise Workshop. The

Town Board and the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department will co-host this workshop along with Gloria Erickson, St. Louis County Firewise Coordinator and Josh Brinkman, St. Louis County Emergency Management Planner. We will provide coffee and cookies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Moratorium on short-term rentals-Sue Lyons submitted a request for a one year moratorium on short-term rentals within Gnesen Township while we have a chance to study this issue. There was much discussion on this issue and it was decided to contact the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) attorney for the wording for a moratorium and to get answers to a couple questions. If the MAT attorney cannot help us, Supervisor Opack made a motion to contact Attorney Gunnar Johnson.

Resolution #22-03 DNR Grant Application approval-Chair Nelson had Ken Gilbertson explain how the grant application was compiled with the help of some UMD students. After much discussion on what all the grant entailed, Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved to apply for the grant for $143,000.00 from the DNR and $143,000.00 match from the township. (Correction to agenda which called the Resolution #22-01, it should be #22-03.)

Minnesota Power-Copies of the plats were emailed to the Supervisors. This was tabled until we get the paperwork from the County.

Flyer from MAT with Spring Short Courses-March 14-16, 2022-Zoom

Flyer MAT District 1 Township Lobby Day-March 24, 2022-Zoom

Press release–Eligible Communities and Agencies invited to apply for CDBG and ESG Covid-19 Funds.

Chair Nelson stated that these don’t apply to our township.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

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No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Scott & Sue Lyons, Bob & Joanie Vavrosky, Jay & Marcia Haller, Ken Gilbertson, and Gary Juten. Employees present Jody Cooke. Employees absent None.

Upcoming meetings: in-person

Election/Annual Meeting-March 8, 2022 Polls open 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Annual Meeting 8:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-March 14, 2022-8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-March 16, 2022-7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-March 17, 2022-6:30 p.m,

Town Board Meeting-March 28, 2022-8:00 p.m.

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Lottie Haller, Clerk Jon Nelson, Chair

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_