Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

January 24, 2022

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, January 24, 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.

Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

OLD BUSINESS:

Follow up on the public hearing on comp. plan-The Comprehensive Plan was approved with the noted correction to the map on Page 21, which listed some as township roads that are actually not township roads. Josh Bergstad from ARDC will correct the map and send us a completed Comprehensive Plan.

LED lights in the Senior’s Room-Sarah received one quote on lights but the Supervisors asked her to get another quote.

Filing for Town Office has closed-Gary Juten has filed also.

Tires for the Township truck-Jody purchased the tires, and had them mounted and put on the truck.

Report on recent ARPA funding training on uses of money-Lottie and Mary Bjorklund attended the meeting and Lottie stated they told us to put everything in a separate account fund number and make sure all disbursements come out of that same fund number. Clerk Haller will send the Chair the link to watch it also.

Update on the draft DNR grant application from Jon & Sarah’s Friday meeting-Jon Nelson, Sarah Blix and Ken Gilbertson met and went over the application and tweaked the language. They are asking for $244,000.00 to redo the parking lot and tennis courts, fencing around the tennis courts, new playground, new lighting around the skating rink, new gate and signage. Jon will present the completed application at our February 28th meeting and we will have to pass a resolution to apply for it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Grader operator’s position-We have received applications from Beau Halverson and Darin Franckowiak and Supervisor Opack suggested that we hire both of them as part-time employees. All approved.

Approve purchasing annual maintenance on fire system and kitchen hood. Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved to go with Northland Fire and Safety for the twice yearly check up on the kitchen hood system and ESC for the whole building fire system. Sarah will get this set up.

St. Louis County Association of Townships meeting January 26, 2022 (in-person and zoom) Speakers St. Louis County Attorney Maki and Gordon Ramsay-St. Louis County Sheriff Candidate.

Applying for the State and Federal surplus property-Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second

by Supervisor Opack and Board approved to apply.

New minute book-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, board approved

for the Clerk to purchase a new minute book. (Approximately $225.00 for 500 pages.)

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Resolution #22-01 appointing an absentee ballot board-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by

Supervisor Franckowiak, board approved to appoint Lottie Haller, Kathy Johnson and Martha Ritter as

the absentee ballot board.

Resolution #22-02 appointing election judges-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by

Supervisor Franckowiak, board approved to appoint Lottie, Kathy and Martha as election judges.

DAT Meeting minutes and agenda-DAT Meeting was January 20th. These minutes are from their October meeting. Clerk Haller gave a brief update on the DAT Meeting.

Calendar from St. Louis County Association of Townships-Calendars were available for whomever wanted one.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Duluth Township Newsletter

Fredenberg Township Newsletter

Disbursements #15407 thru #15409 were read, approved and signed for payment for a total of $37,055.97 with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, board approved to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 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: None. Employees present Jody Cooke, Employees absent None.

Upcoming meetings: in-person

Board of Audit Meeting-February 14, 2022-7:00 p.m.

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

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

Public Test and demonstration of the new voting machine-February 23, 2022-1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(The County was not able to the DS200 disks programed for this election so there will not be a demonstration of the new voting machine until later this summer.)

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

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

Lottie Haller, Clerk Jon Nelson, Chair

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