

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

June 13, 2022

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, June 13, 2022. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson	Chair
Ed Franckowiak	Supervisor
Gary Juten	Supervisor
Sarah Blix	Clerk
Mary Bjorklund	Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Nelson. Board Members and three residents stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten. All voted in favor.

Minutes of the May 23, 2022 Town Board Meeting was unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. Minutes of the May 23, 2022 Reconvened Annual Meeting was unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. Board approved.

Treasurer’s report:

Balance for April 2022	\$404,745.43
Receipts for May 2022	<u>+ 4,547.91</u>
	\$409,293.34
Disbursements for May 2022	<u>-10,403.16</u>
Balance for May 2022	\$398,890.18

There was one outstanding checks for the month totaling \$100.00. Motion by Supervisor Juten second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer’s report.

DISCUSSION: Discussion about the role of the new Clerk, Sarah Blix, and the future hiring of a Deputy Clerk and what their roll could look like.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED lights in the senior’s room-Light fixtures are on backorder until the end of July.

Quote from Metal Roof Company-Jody Cooke stated the quote for snow guards came in at \$500.00 for them to install 3 10ft sticks on the garage roof at the Community Center. Jody said each additional level, which is an added section of 3 10ft sticks, would be an additional \$500.00. Supervisor Franckowiak moved to accept the bid, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

Community Center-Johnson Wilson repairs-Sarah stated that she and Stacy Harter have both been working to line up the warranty repair work on the gym roof and to fix the duct work in the gym but have not been able to get anything scheduled. Sarah said she will send another email to Johnson Wilson.

Normanna Road issue-Clean up has been noted. Nathan will follow up with the owner.

Jody’s Credit Card-Jody should be getting his work credit card in the mail shortly.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Road grader operator’s road report-Jody Cooke stated that he drove the township roads today and after the heavy rain we had Lakeview and Eden Lanes and Musolf Road are all pretty washed out and will

need to be graded again once they dry up. Jody mentioned some logging has been done up on Needle Lane between the lake and the road before the Township turnaround.

Gnesen Community Center report-Sarah stated that she has been working on planning National Night Out. Memorial Blood Center will be doing a blood drive this year during National Night Out from 1:30 to 7:30 pm. They stated we need to have a minimum of 25 donors scheduled in order for them to come so Sarah will work on scheduling donors. Yard clean up at the Community Center has been completed by the boy scouts. The cupola from the Community Center roof that was taken down for some repair work will be replaced soon.

Calcium Chloride-We got a letter from St. Louis County stating their price for Calcium Chloride this year is \$1.10/gallon. Sarah contacted Jake's Companies and their price this year is \$1.15/gallon. Supervisor Franckowiak stated that Jake's Companies has always been reliable in the past and timed his work with the Township's gravel application. Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion to use Jake's Companies again this year for Calcium Chloride, second by Chair Nelson. All vote in favor.

Road Review-Chair Nelson stated that on the Road Review they determined approximately 118 loads of gravel will be needed for the roads this year. Supervisor Juten questioned what happens if they determine more gravel is needed on certain roads when they are actually out doing the applications. Chair Nelson said that if more gravel is need then they can adjust the amounts at that time. Supervisor Juten stated that although Mike Grubb sold his truck to Scott Grubb he would still be willing to truck gravel for the township. At this time Mike said his trucking rate is \$100.00/hour but it could change due to fuel costs Marcia Haller asked if bids typically go out to everybody or just to truckers that have been used in the past. Supervisor Juten stated that they usually use truckers from the Township but yes, if others are interested they can put in a bid. Supervisor Juten stated that last year there were truckers from three different crews. Supervisor Juten will work on arranging truckers and line everything up with Ulland for gravel. Supervisor Franckowiak asked if Darrin and Beau should help. Jody stated there will need to be a spotter. Jody said he would like to mark the spots where gravel is needed before hand. Chair Nelson made a motion to approve the Road Review Minutes including the number of loads of gravel requested for roads this year, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. All vote in favor.

Pioneer Road-Supervisor Juten stated that the spot on W Pioneer Road by Mirror Lake still needs to be fixed. Supervisor Juten said that the quote they got last year included taking off the blacktop and using the screened gravel that it in Ullands pit replace it. Superior Juten said that Dirt Works, who has a pit on W. Pioneer Road will take the blacktop once it is removed, and give the Township a discount on reclaimed blacktop, approximately \$4.00/yard to put back on the road. Superior Juten stated that with all the trucks that travel that road, doing it this way would hold up better and trucking costs would be minimum. Superior Juten said we would still use the screened product in Ullands pit to fill and level the area and then just top dress with the reclaimed product. Superior Juten will look into costs and present at the next meeting. Stripping also needs to be done on W. Pioneer Road. Sarah will get quotes for the next meeting.

Chair Nelson asked if there was any other business to discuss for roads. Supervisor Juten stated that the culverts for Turner Road have been purchased.

Quote from Downtown Computer to update technology/computer in the office-Sarah explained the quote that she got form Downtown Computer that would include licensing for Microsoft 365 Business Standard, Antivirus, Advances Email Security, Network File Storage and Backup, Emails and Training/Tech Support. Chair Nelson moved to accept quote, second by Superior Franckowiak. All vote in favor. Sarah also talked about the benefits of having dual screens. Supervisor Franckowiak asked about pricing out refurbished screens from Downtown Computer. Sarah will check into refurbished screens and check with Downtown Computer that our current computers are up to date

enough to handle the technology upgrades. Sarah also discussed the need for an updated website design that could incorporate more information for residents and be more user friendly.

Letter to Wells Fargo to approve making necessary changes to the bank account- The changes will include adding Sarah, Clerk and Mary, Treasurer as Key Executive's with Control, removing Lottie Haller as Key Executive with Control and removing John Lukan as Employee. Chair Nelson moved to approve the changes, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

Liquor License renewal for the Gnesen Convenience Store- Supervisor Juten made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and all in favor to approve the renewal liquor license for Gnesen Convenience Store.

Items that were donated from MN Power to the Gnesen Community Center-Sarah provided the Supervisor's with the list of kitchens items that MN Power donated to the Community Center kitchen. Chair Nelson asked about storage for all the items. Sarah stated that included in the items were two stainless shelves that can be installed on a wall in the kitchen for holding pots and pans and such. Sarah is also looking into options for storage under the long countertop in the kitchen. Sarah put a thank you in the newsletter but will send MN Power a thank you in the mail as well.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT- Nathan stated he noticed garbage has been dumped on the minimum maintenance part of Pioneer Road again. Jody will pick up the garbage and dispose of it properly. Dennis Campbell has been asking more questions about vacating the end of Park Drive because he would still like to pursue doing so. Nathan will reach out to MAT and get some guidance and discuss at the next Town Board Meeting. A property owner on Rice Lake Road reached out to Nathan about putting up storage units. Nathan said he explained to the resident that that section of Rice Lake Road is zoned a non-commercial zoned area and that he cannot do spot zoning so he would have to request that it gets rezoned commercial. Discussion followed about the rezone process and whether it starts with the Town Board or Planning and Zoning. Loren Johnston reached out to Nathan about doing another subdivision on Church Road. Nathan said that Loren has already done several simple splits and recommend to him that he comes to Planning and Zoning before doing another. Jon suggested he bring a proposal to Planning and Zoning if he wants to move forward with this. Nathan informed all in attendance that a fiber optic cable is being installed at the Thompson Lake Road Communication Tower from the box to the tower.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MAT Membership Cards

Disbursement #15510 thru #15542 and 4 EFT's were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of \$57,186.11 with a motion by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Juten all in favor to pay the disbursement.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 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: Carol Jacobson, Marcia & Jay Haller,
Employees present Jody Cooke and Nathan Horyza. Employees absent None.

Upcoming meetings:

Planning Commission Meeting-June 15, 2022-7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing for Communication Towers Ordinance Verbiage-June 27, 2022-6:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-June 27, 2022-8:00 p.m.

Signed: _____
Sarah Blix, Clerk

Mary Bjorklund, Treasurer

Jon Nelson, Chair

Date approved: _____