

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

March 28, 2022

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

Jon Nelson	Chair
Ed Franckowiak	Supervisor
Gary Juten	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 March 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED lights in the Seniors Room-Sarah Blix received a quote from BZ Electric, Inc. There was a resident in the audience who would like to give us a quote on the work, so we will wait for his quote.

Membership and donations- Lottie gave an update for what we have received so far this year-199 memberships=\$2,985.00 Donations=\$6,565.00 and donations towards the gym floor this year=\$300.00. (This does not include donations given last year for the gym floor.)

Broadband-Chair Nelson stated that the group of townships that are partnering together to work on getting broadband to our township residents, met last Thursday and they are waiting to hear from Mediacom and looking for grants.

Reconvened Annual Meeting-The meeting will reconvene on May 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to go over the information we have gathered on the request to extend maintenance on Needle Lane. Zoning Officer Nathan Horyza has contacted the DNR but has not heard back from them as of tonight. We received some newspaper articles from Scott Campbell and Clerk Haller contacted the MAT Lawyer about this court case mentioned in the newspaper article. The MAT Lawyer stated that the court case referenced in the newspaper is pending before the Court of Appeals, but the current rule is "The town is prohibited from taking over a section of road that has not been maintained in at least 25 years unless the voters have authorized it". (At the annual meeting the vote was tied 11 to 11 for the township to take over maintaining Needle Lane. Several residents voted no because we didn't have enough information to know what the total cost would be and if we could make a turn-around, so the meeting was recessed.)

Strategic planning workshop on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan-Jon, update. Gloria sent an email with recap of the meeting and a bunch of information to put in the newsletter. John mentioned that he contacted the Red Cross and he will be meeting with them to continue discussion of making the Community Center building a Emergency Shelter. Josh-who was one of the presenters at the workshop, informed us that they have all the stuff that we would need if there is a major emergency whether we are declared an emergency shelter or not and they would provide it for us.

Gym floor-Jody patched the hole in the gym floor.

First aid kits-Jody and Sarah are working on getting them put together and hung up.

Short-term rental committee-Their first meeting will be April 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The committee will consist of nine members-two from the Planning Commission, one from the Town Board and six residents. Sarah stated that there are some residents that represent the lakes and some that are not lake residents. Sue Lyons brought in to the office a lot of information she has gathered already on STRs and Sarah copied it and emailed it out to the STR Committee Members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hot mix plants-The Town Board received several emails and one letter from residents concerned about the HMP. The Board was given a copy of the letters and the Planning Commission was given copies of the email/letter and they have invited Tim Grahek from Ulland Brothers to come to their May Meeting to discuss the concerns and then the Planning Commission will let the Board know what actions will be taken.

Unsigned letter from a concerned resident about conflict of interest-The Town Board had already anticipated and planned for conflict of interest and we have a policy in place where we deal with conflicts that our lawyer had drawn up for us. When a conflict arises, the interested supervisor will have to abstain from voting on the matter.

Resolution #22-05-Resolution setting the levy-Motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved to accept the levy set at the Annual Meeting.

Resolution #22-06-Conflict with interested officer-Ed Franckowiak signed the form in case he is going to spot trucks.

Resolution #22-07-Conflict with interested officer-Gary Juten signed the form in case he is going to spot trucks.

Resolution #22-08-Compensation and reimbursement for Town officers. Clerk Haller will make up a new resolution #22-08 as the compensation for hourly wages was raised 3% cost of living increase payable in 2023.

Resolution #22-09 Establishing Precincts and Polling Places-The Board has to re-do establishing Precincts and Polling Places because we have been re-districted to 3B from 3A. Chair Nelson made the motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

SLCAT-Minutes, agenda, calendar-The information was included in the Supervisors packet.

March 2022 Newsletter from MAT-The information was emailed to the Supervisors earlier.

Lawn mowing-Tyler Bosiack, who has mowed our lawn here at the Community Center for the last few years, sent an email that he is raising his rates for mowing the Community Center lawns. We did receive two email quotes from Mike Letica and Brady Gray for mowing the lawn. Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Juten, Board approved to go with Tyler for the 2022 season.

Letter from Minnesota Department of Health-There was no coliform bacteria detected in the water at the Community Center. (This is just the annual check of the water.).

Sheriff's Crime Activity Report for March-4 crime activity records printed.

Candidate Profile forms-We received two Candidate Profiles for the Planning Commission position but the Clerk did run the ad for the vacancy for one more month. These are for the Town Board to look at-the Planning Commission will make a recommendation of a candidate once they meet next month and decide on whom they would like to recommend to the Town Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Duluth Township Newsletter

Fredenberg Township Newsletter

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Kevin Middleton, David Stewart, Jeremy Stolp, and Jayson Stolp.
Employees present None.

Upcoming meetings: in-person

Town Board Meeting-April 11, 2022-8:00 p.m.

Board of Appeals & Equalization Meeting-April 19, 2022-10:00 a.m.

Planning Commission Meeting-April 20, 2022-7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-April 25, 2022-8:00 p.m.

Signed: _____
Lottie Haller, Clerk

Jon Nelson, Chair

Date approved: _____