Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

March 13, 2023

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, March 13, 2023. 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 7:00 p.m. by Chair Nelson. Board Members and nine residents stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. All voted in favor.

Minutes of the February 27, 2023 Public Hearing for proposed nuisance ordinance and administrative enforcement ordinance was unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten.

Minutes of the February 27, 2023 Town Board Meeting was unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

Treasurer’s report:

Balance for January 2023 $509,493.14

Receipts for February 2023 +$16,783.88

$526,277.02

Disbursements for February 2023 -29,608.41

Balance for February 22023 $496,668.61

There was one outstanding check for the month totaling $5230.00. Motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer’s report.

**DISCUSSION**:

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Linda Lenard Lease Agreement – The Supervisors reviewed the draft lease that was prepared for tonight’s meeting. Chair Nelson said the lease seemed to cover all the areas that were discussed at the February 27, 2023 town board meeting. Sarah questioned if anyone knew when the septic was pumped last. Supervisor Juten said he remembers it being pumped but thought that it should get looked at in the spring. Supervisor Juten said he did quick math on the number of kids that possibly could use the building each day and said the septic should easily be able to handle that amount. Supervisor Juten asked to remove the line regarding septic pumping. Chair Nelson stated that the lease agreement could be sent on to Mike Couri for review.

Township Job Opening Update- Supervisor Juten stated that he has not done anything to move forward with hiring a new grader operator/road maintenance employee. Sarah stated that they have not moved forward with hiring a new janitor either. After some discussion on the applications received it was decided that Sarah revamp the ad for the janitor position to make it more specific and run for one more month in hopes to drum up some more interest.

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Question Regarding STR Ordinance- Sarah stated she forgot to add the line, *“In shoreland and non shoreland property,”* in section 10. Chair Nelson said Sarah could make the change as it was already discussed at a prior meeting.

Nuisance Ordinance - Supervisor Juten stated there is confusion on if the County or State has zoning rules then Gnesen does not need them because we can just follow theirs which is not true. Supervisor Juten said the County or State will help Gnesen on the law enforcement end pertaining to rules they have but if Gnesen does not have the rules in their ordinance then there is nothing Gnesen can legally do to stop certain issues. After some discussion as to how best change the ordinance verbiage it was suggested to eliminate Section 4 – Public Nuisance Affecting Morals and Decency, in section 5 eliminate letters F, H, I, and J, and to cross check it with our existing ordinance to see if there are already rules in place because if there are then we don’ t need to create new rules. Regarding the Enforcement Ordinance there were no changes stated, and regarding the fine ordinance the Supervisor were in favor of reducing the first offence to a lesser amount and having a progressive fine schedule. Chair Nelson also said at the Public Hearing it was mentioned for neighbors to first talk to their neighbors before contacting the township or law enforcement. The P&Z subcommittee with take the comments from tonight’s meeting and work on revising the ordinances before the reconvened public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Road Report- Jody said the roads are in good condition, but the Berg Rd, Needle Lane, and the lanes by Eagle Lake need to be widened out.

Gnesen Community Center Report – Sarah said there has been $4465.00 collected in donations so far for the annual membership drive.

Gnesen Community Center Security System - Sarah said the security system at the GCC is going to need replacing. Sarah said she had Per Mar in to look at the system and they said it is an older system and replacement parts cannot be found so as motions fail, they can’t be replaced. Per Mar did give a quote of $2,403.08 to replace the system. Supervisor Juten asked if Sarah could get a second quote from another company to present at the March 27, 2023 town board meeting.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT**- Nathan was not in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Disbursement #15775 thru #15801 and 4 EFTs were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of $54,698.65 with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Franckowiak all in favor to pay the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 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: Dennis Campbell, Carter Williams, Jay and Marcia Haller, Carol Jacobson, Kathy Buran, Bonita Nelson, Richard Haney, Pete Bergman

Employees present: Jody Cooke. Employees absent: Nathan Horyza

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**Upcoming meetings:**

Township Elections – March 14, 2023 – 5:00pm – 8:00pm

Board of Canvas – March 14, 2023 – 8:00pm – 8:30pm

Annual Meeting – March 14, 2023 – 8:30pm

P&Z – Wing Variance Public Hearing – March 15, 2023 - 6:30pm

P&Z Meeting - March 15, 2023 - 7:30pm

Reorganization Meeting – March 27, 2023 – 5:30pm

Rezone Public Hearing – March 27, 2022 - 6:00pm

Town Board Meeting – March 27, 2023 - 7:00pm

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

Sarah Blix, Clerk Mary Bjorklund, Treasurer

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Jon Nelson, Chair