Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 24, 2023

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 24, 2023. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson Chair

Nancy Poppenberg Supervisor

Gary Juten Supervisor

Sarah Blix Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Nelson.

Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten. All voted in favor.

Minutes of the April 10, 2023, Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

**DISCUSSION**:

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Nuisance Ordinance – The revised Nuisance Ordinance was approved at the Public Hearing that was held prior to tonight’s meeting.

Gym Floor Update – The asbestos tile has been abated already and the next phase will begin Monday, May 8, 2023

Grader Operator-4th position – Supervisor Juten had not reached out to Bruce Smith yet to see about the possibility of hiring him as a 4th backup grader operator. Chair Nelson questioned how the roads have held up so far. Jody said two culverts had to be unblocked and after the last windstorm there were a lot of trees down.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Set Road Review Time/Date – Road reviews were scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2023 at 1:00pm.

Gravel to fill holes in the parking lot at GCC – Over the winter the parking lot has deteriorated and crumbled significantly in a few areas. Jody and Sarah asked if a load of gravel could be brought in as a temporary fix. The parking lot was included in the grant that the Township applied for but even if we are granted the funding, work will not be performed this summer. Jody questioned ripping up a section of the parking lot and removing the blacktop and just replacing it with gravel. Supervisor Juten stated we can get specs ready and present it at the next meeting for bids. Chair Nelson said the work would not be wasted as it would eventually need to be done anyways. This will be looked at on May 5, 2023 during road reviews and will be presented May 8, 2023 at the Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Juten said for the time being for safety reasons we can get a load of gravel and fill in the bad spots. Chair Nelson agreed that for safety reasons the holes should be filled as soon as possible.

GCC Swing Set – Sarah stated that the playground at the GCC had been vandalized. She watched the security video and witnessed three younger boys vandalizing the playground on Thursday, April 14, 2023 around 2:15pm. Sarah said she is not sure who the boys are but both she and Jody feel that the playground is no longer safe due to the recent event and asked if at this point it would just be best to tear it down. Sarah said it is very unfortunate that this happened but although it is roped off that will not stop people from using it and it is a safety concern. Supervisor Juten asked if something can be put in the newsletter explaining the situation and why the township had to take down the playground. Jody said that at one meeting Kevin Middleton offered to take down the old playground and then also put forth $1000 towards a new one. Jody will reach out to Kevin to see if he will help with the removal.

Printed Ordinance vs. Power Point Presentation for Ordinance Changes Public Hearing – Supervisor Juten asked if it would be appropriate to do a virtual presentation rather than print packets when the time comes for holding the ordinance changes public hearing. Supervisor Juten said it would save a ton of ink and paper. Sarah said it would be easy to do and they could still provide a printed summary to residents who attend. Chair Nelson agreed this would be a good idea.

Laptop pricing – Sarah provided pricing for a few different laptop options for the new deputy zoning officer. After some discussion Chair Nelson made a motion to approve up to $500 on a new laptop, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

Propane pricing – Sarah called and got propane pricing from several companies other than Como, which is the company the Township currently uses for propane. Curtis was the only one that came in cheaper than Como, however Como said they would price match Curtis’s pricing minus $0.01 for a total of $1.589/gallon. Supervisor Juten made a motion to accept the price reduction that Como agreed to and lock in the price for one year, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

Purchase New Traffic Cones and Looking into Culvert Steamer – Jody stated the Township needs some more traffic cones. Jody had provided pricing of $208.00/dozen for 28-inch reflective traffic cones and approximately $30 for a stencil so the cones can be marked. Supervisor Juten made a motion to spend up to $250.00 to purchase a dozen cones and the stencil, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor. Chair Nelson said he also wanted to look into pricing for a culvert steamer as it is sometimes hard to get the county to come out and steam culverts when you need them to. Supervisor Juten asked if we had gotten a bill yet from the county for the steaming they have done this year to which Sarah said no. Supervisor Juten said it would be nice to see what the county charges as that may be the cheapest route.

Liquor License Renewal for Gnesen Convenience Store – Supervisor Juten made a motion to approve the renewal of the liquor license for the Gnesen Convenience Store, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Contact information for Roger Skraba and Grant Hauschild

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm 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: Jay and Marcia Haller, Dennis Campbell, Matt Thibodeau, Carol Jacobson, Kathy Buran, John Armstrong, Darrin Franckowiak

Employees present: Jody Cooke, Nathan Horyza Employees absent: None

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Town Board Meeting – May 8, 2023 – 8:00pm

P&Z Meeting – May 17, 2023 - 7:30pm

Town Board Meeting – May 22, 2023 - 8:00pm

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Sarah Blix, Clerk Jon Nelson, Chair

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