Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

November 27, 2023

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, November 27, 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 with the addition of Mark Myles discussing Island Lake Drive was moved by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All voted in favor.

Minutes of the November 13, 2023, Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Poppenberg.

**DISCUSSION**:

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Normanna Road Issue – Gunnar Johnson, the Township attorney, was in attendance to discuss next steps. Gunnar will be in attendance again at the December 11, 2023 meeting along with Sheriff Ramsay for more discussion.

DNR Grant Update – The 2024 playground pricing has increased +5% for equipment, boarder, and wood fiber for a total of $81,842.11. Supervisor Juten questioned if the Township could purchase the wood fiber which is quoted at $4,867.00 from local suppliers which would decrease the cost by approximately half if not more. Chair Nelson made a motion to accept the playground contracts with the adjustment of eliminating the playground wood fiber surfacing for $4,867.00, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

Women’s Bathroom Toilet at GCC – This has been fixed.

GCC Garage Doors – These have been installed. Sarah questioned what to do with the old doors. Supervisor Juten said he knew someone who would be interested in taking them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Island Lake Drive – Mark Myles questioned maintenance for Island Lake Drive stating that the road could use some crack sealing. Mark suggested deluxe crack sealing. Supervisor Juten will contact Sinnott Blacktop to ask about pricing for deluxe crack sealing and bring that information to the December 11, 2023 meeting. Mark was also asking about the right of way for Island Lake Drive. Sarah will look into this and provide this information at the December 11, 20223 meeting as well.

Cartway off Church Road – Rick stated a resident who lives off the cartway was questioning dividing his land. Rick said he was looking into cartways and learned that cartways are not supposed to be any longer than .5 miles, Rick said this cartway is longer than .5 miles. Rick also noticed that although there are fire numbers on a post at the end of the road on Emerson Road there are no fire numbers posted at the individual houses on the cartway. There was discussion about the history of this piece of land and how many houses are allowed without going through a subdivision. More research will be done into the history, the houses that are currently off the cartway and whether they were permitted or not and be brought back to the December 11, 2023 meeting.

Floor Cleaner for GCC – Sarah provided some information regarding a floor cleaner for the gym. Sarah will do a little more research to try and find a local company who has a similar product and bring back to the December 11, 2023 meeting.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT:** Mike said he had sent out a violation letter to Jeremy Stolp who was operating a STR without a permit. Jeremy responded stating he was selling this property and therefore would not be applying for a STR permit. Rick said he is also looking into a different property owned by Jeremy Stolp. While performing a second site visit Rick learned from Jeremy that he was operating a long-term rental in a structure that was supposed to have been converted into a garage with no human habitation per an affidavit that Jeremy signed prior to constructing his current home. Rick will be sending a violation letter regarding this issue.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21pm with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Jay and Marcia Haller, Carol Jacobson, Gunnar Johnson, Mark Myles

Employees present: Darrin Franckowiak, Mike Polzin, Rick Hogenson

Employees absent: None

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Town Board Meeting – December 11, 2023 – 7:00pm

P&Z Meeting – December 20 - 7:00pm

Town Board Meeting – There will not be a second meeting due to Christmas

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Sarah Blix, Clerk Jon Nelson, Chair

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