Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 22, 2024

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 22, 2024. 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 P&Z Board Members report and Smiling Loon Restaurant and Bar Liquor License was moved by Supervisor Poppenberg, second by Supervisor Juten. All voted in favor.

Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Poppenberg.

**DISCUSSION**: None

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Normanna Road Issue – Rick said he is scheduled to meet with the Biskey’s Thursday morning to discuss the progress that has already been made, what it will take to complete clean up, and the costs associated with that. Rick said he has noted a decline in cleanup efforts and believes it is time to step in, help with clean up, and then those costs will be assessed to the Biskey’s.

Hemlock Drive Issue – Mike said he recently spoke with the homeowner about how the township can assist him with cleanup. Will discuss more in depth and what the next steps will be at the May 13, 2024 meeting as the 60 day clean up period that the landowner was allowed per his violation letter will have expired.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Smiling Loon Restaurant and Bar Liquor License – Supervisor Juten made a motion to approve the liquor license application, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

Review of Board of Appeals – Chair Nelson gave a brief history of what took place at the recent Board of Appeals Meeting. Chair Nelson stated that since there were not two voting board members present, he thought it would be best to ratify the vote at tonight’s meeting. There was discussion about the residents who attended to appeal their 2025 valuations and if there were any changes made, the reasoning for it. After that discussion, Chair Nelson made a motion to ratify the vote, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

2024 Lawn Mowing at the Old Town Hall – Ed Franckowiak contacted the office to see about mowing the lawn at the Old Town Hall again this year. Ed stated that it would be at the same price he charged last year, which was $90/mow. Supervisor Juten made a motion to accept Ed’s proposal, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

**P&Z BOARD MEMBER REPORT:** Supervisor Poppenberg reported that the Planning Commission voted Carter in as the new Chair and Matt as Vice Chair. Jack Singler attended the last P&Z Meeting to discuss the Stewart Camp and confirmed that a verbal agreement was made with the Stewart family about their property on Berg Road. Jack agreed that taking inventory as to what is currently on the property, documenting it, and creating a new agreement with the Stewart’s would be the best way to move forward. P&Z discussed the cartway off Emerson Road. Supervisor Poppenberg said there was discussion about creating regulations for driveways that contain multiple houses. Supervisor Juten said he would like to see a regulation that states if more than three houses are located on a driveway then it must go through the platting process and become a true subdivision. Supervisor Poppenberg will present this at the next P&Z meeting.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT:** They had nothing more to add.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 15th Annual Couri and Ruppe Township Legal Seminar

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm 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, Robert and Eileen Giuliani

Employees present: Darrin Franckowiak, Mike Polzin, Rick Hogenson

Employees absent: None

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Reconvened Board of Appeals – April 29, 2024 – 10:00am

Road Review – May 3, 2024 – 1:00pm

Town Board Meeting – May 13, 2024 – 7:00pm

P&Z Meeting – May 15, 2024 - 7:00pm

Town Board Meeting – May 28, 2024 – 7:00pm – MEETING CHANGED TO TUESDAY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY

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Sarah Blix, Clerk Jon Nelson, Chair

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