Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 8, 2024

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 8, 2024. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson Chair

Gary Juten Supervisor

Nancy Poppenberg Supervisor

Sarah Blix Clerk

Hannah Jurek Deputy Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Nelson. Board Members and residents stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Outpost liquor license application was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

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Treasurer’s report:

Balance for February 2024 $385,925.97

Receipts for March 2024 +$1,028.21

$386,954.18

Disbursements for March 2024 -$15,895.58

Balance for March 2024 $371,058.60

There are two outstanding checks for the month totaling $322.70. Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Poppenberg to accept the Treasurer’s report. All vote in favor.

**DISCUSSION**:

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Normanna Road Update – Rick reported that he is working to develop a timeline to complete the cleanup.

Hemlock Drive Issue – The violation letter that was sent out was dated March 11, 2024 and it gave the landowner 60 days to start making some progress with clean up. Mike is checking weekly but as of tonight no progress has been noted. Mike will wait until the 60 days is up then contact the landowner again.

DNR Grant Update – Phase 1, construction of the new playground will begin in May. The DNR grant group met and created a list of supplies that need to be on site for the playground installation. Supervisor Juten spoke with Chris from Flagship Playground for some final installation details. Sarah will pick up a pallet of concrete and order the landscape fabric, so everything is ready to go.

Island Lake Drive Crack Sealing – Supervisor Juten met with Sinnott and got a quote of $6500.00 to crack seal Island Lake Drive from the Abbott Road to the turnaround. Supervisor Juten made a motion to accept the quote, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

Metal Storage Cabinet for Maintenance Garage – Beau presented a 48inch x 36inch metal storage cabinet that he thought would work in the maintenance garage for storing flammables for $719.99.

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Chair Nelson made a motion approving the purchase of two cabinets, one for the garage on Pioneer Road and one for the garage at the GCC, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

CTC Phone Plans – Chair Nelson made a motion to approve getting two basic phone lines, 300 minutes of long distance, caller ID, and 50MBPS for the GCC, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

CWDG (Community Wildfire Defense Grant) – Supervisor Juten spoke with Gloria Erickson and was informed the grant is really a community grant that is intended to help residents get rid of deadfall on their property. It would be the responsibility of the residents to do the clearing and hauling but with the grant there would be a location where residents could dump the debris at no charge to get chipped or hauled away. After much discussion it was decided to set up a community meeting with Gloria to get more information. Residents would be welcome to attend as well as the GVFD. The meeting was set for Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Road Report – Darin said the roads are in decent shape but will plan to get out and grade once they dry out a little. Darin did not note any culvert, tree, or beaver issues. Plow truck was serviced last week.

Gnesen Community Center Report – Sarah said she had nothing more to add other than what was already discussed with the DNR grant.

2024 Road Reviews – This was scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2024 at 1:00pm.

MAT Short Course Report – Supervisor Juten attended the Short Courses this year and gave a summary of what was discussed.

Outpost Liquor License – Supervisor Juten made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Outpost Gas Station, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT**: Rick reported that the oil collection tank on Humes property is legal by WLSSD and MPCA regulations. St. Louis County renamed the cartway off Emerson Road to S. Church Road. Mike reported that a subcommittee has been working on ordinance verbiage for storage containers. Also, at the April P&Z meeting Jack Singler, past zoning inspector, will be attending to provide some history of the Stewart Camp on Berg Road.

**CORRESPONDENCE**:

Letter from St. Louis County regarding cartway off Emerson Road

Disbursement #16171 through #16198 and 4 EFTs were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of $21,129.01 with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor of paying the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. 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, Carter Williams, Al Werner, AJ Jensen, John Armstrong, Dan DeArmond

Employees present: Beau Halverson, Darin Franckowiak, Matt Thibodeau, Mike Polzin, Rick Hogenson, Bruce Smith

Employees absent: Mary Bjorklund

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**Upcoming meetings:**

Board of Appeals – April 16, 2024 – 10:00am

P&Z Meeting – April 17 - 7:00pm

Town Board Meeting – April 22, 2024 – 7:00pm

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

Sarah Blix, Clerk Hannah Jurek, Deputy Treasurer

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Jon Nelson, Chair