

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

February 10, 2025

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, February 10, 2025. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson	Chair
Gary Juten	Supervisor
Nancy Poppenberg	Supervisor
Sarah Blix	Clerk
Mary Bjorklund	Treasurer

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 CUP Question and CTC Request for Payment and the removal of Cedar Drive Excavating Invoice was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

The minutes of the January 27, 2025 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Poppenberg.

Treasurer's report:

Balance for January 2025	\$278,156.98
Receipts for January 2025	+\$6,856.99
	\$285,013.97
Disbursements for January 2025	<u>-\$28,116.89</u>
Balance for February 2025	\$256,897.08

There were four outstanding checks for the month. Motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Poppenberg to accept the Treasurer's report. All vote in favor.

**DISCUSSION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Hemlock Drive Issue – No update at this time.

Flooring Quote for GCC – Sarah obtained two quotes for new flooring throughout the GCC. The first quote was from Tony's Flooring for \$43,000.00 – this includes demo, leveling, new subfloor, new flooring, and mopboard replacement. The second quote was from Johnson's Carpet and Tile for \$26,087.00 – this includes demo and new flooring. After some discussion it was decided to have Sarah reach out to Tony's Flooring about a timeline and if the quoted price will stay good until then.

Deputy Clerk Hiring Update – Sarah said she has hired a new deputy clerk. She will be starting February 17, 2025 and will be introduced at the February 24, 2025 TB meeting.

DNR Grant – Ken Gilbertson, who has done a lot of work on the DNR Grant, presented options for the basketball hoop/pole and a divider net for in between the tennis courts. The cost for both would be \$3129.32. Supervisor Poppenberg made a motion to approve the expenditure, second by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

CUP Question – A member of the Planning Commission had a question regarding Ullands Oscar Pit. One of the conditions of their CUP was that they are required to take three water samples from their property and then provide the township with the results. This has never been enforced. Carter suggested that a letter be sent by one of our Zoning Officers to Ullands making sure they are aware of this condition, requesting that samples are obtained each year and the results sent to the town office. A motion was made by Supervisor Juten in support of Carters suggestion, second by Chair Nelson. All vote in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Road Report – Darin reported that Needle Lane is getting narrow and will need to be widened. Musolf Road has some ice dams forming due to a clogged culvert. Supervisor Juten mentioned that St. Louis County will come out and steam culverts if necessary. At this time Darin will just monitor the situation.

Gnesen Community Center Report – Sarah has nothing new to add.

Reorganization Meeting – This meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2025 at 5:45pm.

Rural Residential/Lot Size Establishment – Sarah said at the last meeting there was discussion again regarding lowering the lot size for the rural residential district and also questions as to where the boundary line was between the rural residential and suburban residential districts. Sarah said the zoning map clearly distinguishes the two districts, one being highlighted in yellow and one in green. Chair Nelson said the township has no interest in changing the lot size for the rural residential district so it will remain as 9 acres.

CTC Request for Payment – There was discussion on the townships \$100,000 contribution toward the CTC fiber install and how that payment could look. Supervisor Juten made a motion to pay 25% of the \$100,000 in March and discuss future payments as installs progress, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

**ZONING OFFICERS REPORT:** Rick said he is having difficulties finding an administrative search warrant and asked Chair Nelson if he could ask attorney Andrew Tiede for one. Mike said he sent a letter to the Stewart family requesting them to attend the March 19, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. Mike also said he also received an email from Nora, Fullerton Co, regarding the tower expansion project for T Mobile. Chair Nelson said the township doesn't have much control over the equipment that is put on the tower however he would like Mike to let Nora know the townships concerns and the issues that have happened with the Haller family.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Email from Joe Buttweiler regarding 2024/2025 internet installation for Gnesen
- Email from Joshua Brinkman regarding disaster training opportunities. Rick said he would like to attend this training.
- Email from Gloria Erickson regarding a Firewise meeting that is scheduled for February 18, 2025 at 6:00pm.

Disbursement #16499 through #16531 and 4 EFTs were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of \$51,650.66 with a motion by Supervisor Juten, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor of paying the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:57pm with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Jay Haller, Carol Jacobson, Carter Williams, Pete Bergman, AJ Jensen, Ken Gilbertson, Kevin Haberman, Dick Haney, Jack Singler, Kevin Fredrickson

Employees present: Darin Franckowiak, Mike Polzin, Rick Hogenson

Employees absent: Beau Halvorson

**Upcoming meetings:**

Firewise Meeting – February 18, 2025 – 6:00pm

P&Z Meeting – February 19, 2025 - 7:00pm

Public Hearing for Proposed Floodplain Ordinance – February 24, 2025 – 6:30pm

Town Board Meeting – January 27, 2025 – 7:00pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sarah Blix, Clerk

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Mary Bjorklund, Treasurer

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Jon Nelson, Chair

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