

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

May 12, 2025

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, May 12, 2025. The following officers were present:

Jon Nelson	Chair
Gary Juten	Supervisor
Nancy Poppenberg	Supervisor
Sarah Blix	Clerk
Mary Bjorklund	Treasurer
Sara Rowe	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 was moved by Chair Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

The minutes of the April 28, 2025 Ordinance Changes Public Hearing were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg.

The minutes of the April 28, 2025 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Poppenberg, seconded by Supervisor Juten.

The minutes of the May 2, 2025 Road Review Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Poppenberg, seconded by Supervisor Juten.

Treasurer's report:

Balance for April 2025	\$119,946.27
Receipts for May 2025	+\$18,547.44
	\$138,493.71
Disbursements for May 2025	<u>-\$18,399.32</u>
Balance for May 2025	\$120,094.39

There were five outstanding checks for the month. Motion by Chair Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg to accept the Treasurer's report. All vote in favor.

DISCUSSION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Hemlock Drive Issue – No new updates at this time.

Office Computers – Sarah looked into each employee's computer to see which ones will continue to work after Windows 11 becomes unsupported in October. The clerks and deputy clerks are gen4 and will need to be replaced prior to October. Sarah will bring pricing to the next Town Board meeting.

Road Review Follow Up – There was discussion about Needle Lane and questions about the township's turnaround since the land the turnaround is located on was recently sold. Sarah will provide Supervisor Juten the phone number for the owner of the parcel and Supervisor Juten will reach out to him and discuss this issue. Supervisor Juten also mentioned that some of the asphalt patch has been put down on W. Pioneer Road to repair the potholes.

GCC Trails – Repairing the Boardwalk – Ken Gilbertson was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the GCC trails and how best to remedy the boardwalk issue, which has been created by beavers, making some of the trail sections impassable. Ken said the water level is currently low and he would like to ask the township to spend up to \$2000 to install some new sections of boardwalk on top of the existing submerged sections. Supervisor Juten questioned if the price was for treated lumber, to which Ken said yes. Mike asked about purchasing Tamarack from the Lester River Sawmill. Ken said he hasn't priced out that option but if it would be more cost effective, it could be an option. Mike also said he could possibly have a local boy scout group help haul out material as part of a public service project.

Supervisor Poppenberg made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$2000 to repair the boardwalk, seconded by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

DNR Grant Update – Completion date is June 30, 2025. Sarah said she spoke with Sinnott, and they will be out to seal and stripe the parking lot soon. Sarah also reminded all that each component of the grant has to have an accessible trail leading to it. Chair Nelson said he thought the front gate could use a gravel path to it to make it more accessible.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Report – Darin was absent from tonight meeting but did send a message saying that the roads are in good condition and many have been graded. It was mentioned that there are a few roads that need some ditching.

Supervisor Juten will work up some job specs for those projects.

Gnesen Community Center Report – Sarah mentioned that she spoke with the owner of the semi-trailer that has been parking in the side parking lot on the weekends and asked him to no longer park there as there was concern with his trailer ruining the new parking lot.

CTC Invoice – The township was invoiced for the second \$25,000 payment for fiber install. Chair Nelson made a motion to pay the invoice, seconded by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

Resolution 25-09 Approving Amendments to Zoning Ordinance #10 - Chair Nelson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Juten to approve Resolution 25-09. All vote in favor.

Resolution 25-10 Approving Amendments to STR Ordinance #01092023 - Chair Nelson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Juten to approve Resolution 25-10. All vote in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Mike said that some members from the Stewart family will be attending the May 21, 2025 P&Z meeting to discuss their property on Berg Road. Rick said David Humes's deadline is approaching. Rick will try to reach out to David this week to discuss this. Rick asked for permission to have up to two hours of attorney time to ask questions he has regarding the Ulland's Oscar Pit complaint. Supervisor Poppenberg said she would be available to sit in on that phone call as well. Supervisor Poppenberg made motion to approve Rick's request, seconded by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- DAT Annual Picnic – Both Supervisor Juten and Supervisor Poppenberg will try to attend this event.
- MATIT Insurance Policy Detail

Disbursement #16600 through #16639 and 4 EFTs were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of \$26,715.57 with a motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor of paying the disbursements.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm 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: Carter Williams, Pete Bergman, Carol Jacobson, Kathy Buran, Sherri Underthun

Employees present: Mike Polzin, Rick Hogenson

Employees absent: Beau Halvorson, Darin Franckowiak

Upcoming meetings:

P&Z Meeting – May 21, 2025 - 7:00pm

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

Signed: _____
Sarah Blix, Clerk

Mary Bjorklund, Treasurer

Jon Nelson, Chair

Date approved: _____