

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

May 27, 2025

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. 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 DAT meeting update under New Business was moved by Chair Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

Minutes of the May 12, 2025 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg.

DISCUSSION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Hemlock Drive Issue – A dumpster has been provided by St. Louis County and as of today one full dumpster has already been removed from the property and another one is partially filled. Chair Nelson will reach out to the attorney and let him know of the progress.

Office Computers – Sarah got a quote of \$3778.00 from Downtown Computer to replace the two outdated office computers, transfer all files, and set up. Supervisor Poppenberg made a motion to approve the expenditure, seconded by Supervisor Juten. All vote in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Needle Lane Turnaround – Supervisor Juten left a message for the new property owner who recently purchased the parcel the townships turnaround is located on. This is tabled until June 9, 2025 when we hear back from the property owner.

Beaver Issue on Schultz Lake/Turner Road – Several residents from Schultz Lake made a complaint about beaver activity on Schultz Lake that is plugging the culvert on Turner Road. The residents have been cleaning out the culvert but are asking the Township for help. Supervisor Juten said the township made a culvert screen for the culvert on Lawnwood Road that has been working well. He will look into this and see about getting another one made for Turner Road.

Calcium Chloride – St. Louis County provided a price of \$1.37/gallon and Maki Trucking \$1.73. Sarah will contact Maki trucking to see how much material they put down per square yard to compare with St. Louis County's price then report back to Supervisor Juten.

DAT Meeting – Supervisor Juten attended the last DAT meeting which was the annual BBQ. It was discussed to suspend the DAT dues for 2026 since there is a surplus of funds. Vic Lund, who was the guest speaker, talked about the Rice Lake corridor project. This is set to begin in 2027.

P&Z BOARD SUPERVISORS REPORT: The cannabis ordinance was discussed at the last P&Z meeting however nothing has been given to the office yet so the draft has not been distributed to the Commission for them to review. The Commission is asking for another training session with Jason Kuboshek. Sarah will reach out to Jason for some information including topics for training and cost. Loren and Brenda Stewart were in attendance at the P&Z meeting to discuss their property on Berg Road. The Stewarts are adamant that they are "grandfathered" in. Supervisor Poppenberg stated that Brenda said none of the campers have been upgraded since 2008. Supervisor Poppenberg does not believe this to be true as the inventory that was made between the township and the Stewarts indicated at least two of the campers was from post 2009. The Commission made a motion to have the Stewarts contact a septic designer and provide the township with a St. Louis County approved

septic design by July 1, 2025 with installation completed by October 15, 2025. Mike will follow up with certified letters sent to all five owners of the property.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT: Mike said he gave the Stewart's contact information for a septic designer. Rick had a question regarding shoreland commercial zone, short-term rentals and the distance requirement between rentals. Rick said he is looking at other townships STR rules to see how they handle this situation. Rick was also given permission to send this question to our attorney if need be. Rick said he was researching several tax forfeit properties that St. Louis County wants to put up for auction to verify their zone classification.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Information from May 15, 2025 DAT Meeting

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Juten. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: AJ Jensen, Jay Haller, Carter Williams, Pete Bergman, Randy Dulinsky, Kevin Fredrickson, Carol Jacobson, Dave Opack

Employees present: Mike Polzin, Rick Hogenson

Employees absent: Darin Franckowiak, Beau Halvorson

Upcoming Meetings:

Town Board Meeting – June 9, 2025 – 7:00pm

P&Z Meeting – June 18, 2025 - 7:00pm

Town Board Meeting – June 23, 2025 – 7:00pm

Signed: _____
Sarah Blix, Clerk

Jon Nelson, Chair

Date approved: _____