Gnesen Town Office and
Gnesen Community Center
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Office Hours:
Mon & Wed - 7:00-3:00pm

Gnesen News

Gnesen Website http://gnesen.org August 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- August 10th 7:00pm Town Board Mtg.
- August 19th 7:00pm P&Z Mtg.
- August 24th 7:00pm Town Board Mtg - Cancelled

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Staff	12

Gnesen Community Center Fundraiser Farmers Market/Craft Show

September 12, 2026 ***9am-3pm*** ***Gnesen Community Center***

Join us for Gnesen's 5th Annual Farmers Market/Craft Show. Stop by to view items made by local crafters, locally grown garden produce (growing season dependent), and homemade baked goods.
Take a break from shopping and stop by the Gnesen kitchen for something to eat.
All proceeds from kitchen food sales will be donated to the Gnesen Community Center.

For more information call Sarah at 218-341-7945 or Mary at 218-391-7424

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

June 8, 2026

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, June 8, 2026. 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 was moved by Chair Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

The minutes of the May 26, 2026 Town Board meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Supervisor Juten, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg.

Treasurer's report:

Balance for April 2026	$148,654.63
Receipts for May 2026	+$4,034.78
	$152,689.41
Disbursements for May 2026	-$18,701.81
Balance for May 2026	$133,987.60

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

DISCUSSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

Hemlock Drive Issue – Mike reported that he has been in contact with the St. Louis County Sheriff Deputy who has been assigned to this case and they are planning a meeting with Scott on his property later this week. Mike said they will be documenting what is on the property and seeing if Scott would be willing to do clean up on his own if St. Louis County provides dumpsters. The plan would be to allow Scott a two-week period to do clean up himself, however if Scott fails to do so then Gnesen would have a company ready to step in and do the clean-up.

Data Center – Steve Fenske from MAT suggested starting with a moratorium. Andrew Tiede said the township could start with a moratorium, otherwise if we want to just put verbiage in our ordinance to restrict them then he already has verbiage drafted up as he has helped several other townships with this already. Supervisor Juten and Supervisor Poppenberg both said they would prefer to move forward with Andrew's suggestion. Chair Nelson will reach out to Andrew and see if he can send Sarah the ordinance verbiage so that it can be shared with the P&Z commission to discuss at their June 17, 2026 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Report – Darin reported that the majority of roads are in good condition. The rocks have been removed by the Church Road gate. Darin said they are planning on putting gravel down on June 17, 2026 and then calcium chloride soon after.

Gnesen Community Center Report – Sarah said National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2026 from 5pm to 7pm.

GCC Flagpole Lighting – Benson Electric Company provided a quote of $2,600 for purchasing and installing flagpole lighting, Nylund Electric provided a quote for $4,277. Supervisor Juten said he believed both quotes seemed

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high and would like to see if he could find someone to do the job for less. Dave Opack said he was concerned about the timeline as this project has been going on for over two years and the lighting has still not been installed. Chair Nelson made a motion to move forward with the bid from Benson unless Supervisor Juten can find a lower bid, seconded by Supervisor Poppenberg. All vote in favor.

ZONING REPORT: Mike had nothing new to report. Rick discussed several permits/complaints that he has been working on including Waters of Life dynamic sign complaint, Rice Lake Road complaint, an incomplete short term rental permit that was submitted, and a suspended land alteration permit.

CORRESPONDENCE:
Email from Kevin Comnick about a township property tax committee

Disbursement #17046 through #17069 and 4 EFTs were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of $45,725.30 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 7:36pm with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Poppenberg. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

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I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST WITH THE TRANSITION
and will remain involved in a coaching capacity to help ensure continuity for families.

Please SHARE *this post* with anyone who may be interested.

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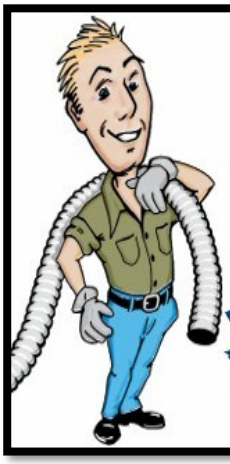

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Elections 2026

State Primary Elections
Tuesday, August 11, 2026

State General Elections
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm

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Every Wednesday from 10am—12pm

TEEN SERVICES

Amelia Blix - 13
218-341-7945
Yard work, pet sitting for house and barn pets, cleaning

Brady Gray-18
218-591-1263
Outdoor yard work year round, fall clean-up, snow shoveling, lawn mowing.

Kylan Bush—13
218-409-5177
Barn chores and yard work

Ben Sundland -17
218-348-8020
Lawnmowing

All hiring and compensation for work is handled directly between the person advertising for employment and the employer. The Gnesen Community News does not perform background checks on the persons advertising above and is not responsible for any problems that arise during employment.

Are you looking for something to do in your spare time?
Come check out the Gnesen Community Center puzzle exchange.
Take a puzzle, leave a puzzle.
The puzzle exchange is available to check out anytime the building is open. We are getting new puzzles in all the time and we even have some kid puzzles now too!!

Welcome to

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Welcome to All Visitors and Guests

8:45 a.m. Worship all Sundays
9:45 a.m. Coffee fellowship
No Sunday School for the summer

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 p.m.
National Night Out at Rice Lake City Park

Wednesday, August 5
Senior Lunch with Kenwood Lutheran
11:30 a.m. at Boomtown, 4483 Martin Road

August 12, 6 p.m.
Joint Worship & Meal at Rice Lake City Park

Men's Breakfast
every Saturday 8 a.m. at The Other Place

Sundays, August 9 & 23
Open Arms Senior Living Center
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http://gnesen.org

If your name or address are in error, please contact Sarah at 218 -721-3158 or email clerk@Gnesen.org

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http://gnesen.org/newsletter

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email your information to:
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Ads need to be submitted by the **15th** of the month for the next month's newsletter.