

Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

April 27, 2020

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, April 27, 2020, at the Gnesen Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Jon Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved.

Minutes of the April 13, 2020 Town Board Meeting and Certification Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

Correction to the March 9, 2020 meeting minutes-Disbursements thru #14836 should read thru #14835,(#14836 is an April disbursement not March). Motion to approve the correction was moved by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

GCC projects- The new door knobs have been installed and keyed and Deputy Clerk Blix has given new keys to people that needed them. Jim Murphy was going to contact Sarah about the fountain in the gym but we have not heard from him as of tonight. We will be sending out the membership letters. Sarah stated that the mailbox here at the Center needs to be replaced and we have \$400.00 in Menards Rebates. Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack and Board approved for Sarah to purchase a new mailbox and post.

Pickleball-Sarah stated that the pickleball paddles and balls were left outside all winter. Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved to purchase new paddles and balls. She will get the nets installed and there will be a tote outside with the equipment inside of it.

Playscape-Sarah Blix will have a meeting with the Playscape Planning Committee on Friday to finalize the material list for the DNR Grant, which includes material for the trails also. Sarah stated that she contacted the DNR and they said there is no relief from the deadline of June 30th. Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack, Board approved to allow Sarah to purchase the needed supplies.

Janitor position at GCC-Sarah and Lottie will be meeting with Jody Cooke on Wednesday.

Flag pole at the Community Center-Supervisor Opack left a message with Northern Welding and we are waiting for a call back from them.

New computers-Paul Glaesemann is still looking for the best computers to meet our needs. The Supervisors instructed the Clerk to purchase web camera for the new computers.

Signs for NO DUMPING-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Franckowiak and Board approved to purchase a NO DUMPING sign to be installed on the Church Road/West Pioneer Road where we have been experiencing a huge amount of dumping. We will also put something in our newsletter about the Minnesota State Statutes 609.68, and the price a sign will cost the township taxpayers. There was discussion on getting some surveillance cameras for the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kitchen appliances-Supervisor Opack asked if he could exchange the cost of the stove and refrigerator that he donated to the Community Center for garage rental. Supervisors approved this exchange.

Covid-19-Supervisor Opack made a motion, second by Chair Nelson with Supervisor Franckowiak abstaining to offer the Gnesen Volunteer Fire Department \$1,000.00 to purchase PPE supplies. Sarah will purchase masks, gloves, and disinfecting supplies to have on hand at the Community Center, should we have an outbreak in Gnesen. Chair Nelson will contact Waters of Life Church and Supervisor Franckowiak will contact St. Josephs Church to see if they are aware of any families in Gnesen Township that might need help with meals during this Stay at Home time. Supervisor Opack is going to contact Upper Lakes Food to see if they want to use our parking lot to sell food from their trucks like they have been doing at other locations. We also received an email from St. Louis County with a link to some helpful Covid-19 information and websites for fun activities for the kids. Clerk will try to add the link to our website.

2021 Reappraisal-We received an email from Ryan Sauve, Residential Appraiser, that Gnesen is scheduled for reappraisal for the 2021 assessment, taxes payable 2022. Please watch your mail for a postcard from the County. Clerk will also include the letter in the next newsletter.

Gravel auction-St. Louis County is having an auction for gravel in Gnesen Township. Supervisor Opack will contact St. Louis County to check on this.

Lawn mowing at the Community Center-We received a call from Tyler, at Lawn Care Precision and he stated that he would offer his services again this year for the same cost as last year. Board decided that we would hire him again. Clerk will contact him to tell him we will hire his company again this year.

Outdoor Message Center-Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack. Board approved to allow Sarah or Lottie to purchase a outside message center for posting our notices in.

Census 2020-We received an email from the Census stating that 50.7% of Gnesen residents have responded to the 2020 Census. We will send out an email campaign letter with the updates on the Census.

Election sign-in protection shield-We received an email for Elections Systems offering a protection shield for \$149.95. The Supervisors said we will check into other options.

Retiring-We received an email from Amy Oakes, Information Specialist, from St. Louis County that Amy is retiring on May 1st and her replacement is Rena Johnson.

Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan-There is a 60 day comment period notification of intent to Plan for the St. Louis River One Watershed, One Plan and Invitation to submit priority issues and plan expectations. Chair Nelson will follow up on this and give any comments he has.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Upcoming meetings:

Town Board Meeting-May 11, 2020-8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission-May 20, 2020-7:30 p.m.

DAT Meeting-May 21, 2020-6:30 p.m. Rice Lake City Hall

Town Board Meeting-Tuesday, May 26, 2020-8:00 p.m. tentative.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: None