

## Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

July 27, 2020

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, July 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 Chair Nelson and Board approved.

Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack.

### OLD BUSINESS:

iWorQ presentation: Steve Hulse from iWorQ gave a brief power-point presentation over the phone to the Board on his program, which provides a web based filing system for local and state governments and could help with getting all of Gnesen's building permits online. Nathan will reach out to a few other local governments who are currently using iWorQ to get some references and give the Supervisors an update at the next Town Board meeting.

GCC projects-Sarah Blix stated that she had gotten a call from Chad Bringe letting her know that they had replaced their sign at the Waters of Life Church and if the Gnesen Community Center had any use for their old sign, they would donate it. Supervisor Opack asked if there was any way to make the sign movable so that it would not interfere with winter snow placement but Sarah did not know. Chair Nelson agreed that it would be nice to have a sign. Sarah will contact Chad and let him know that we will take it. After the discussion at our July 13, 2020 meeting, the GCC Janitor, Jody, thought about the air conditioning needs for our office and got a quote for a mini split, which he thought would be a much better option than a window air conditioning unit. The quote, which was from D.G. Solem & Sons, came back at \$3,559.02 for purchasing and installing the unit. Supervisor Opack made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Franckowiak and board approved to approve the purchase and installation of the mini split unit for the new township office space from D.G Solem & Sons. The window screens in our office windows have all been replaced and maintenance on the windows has been completed. Jody has started the work of replacing the roof on the addition off the back of the GCC.

Playscape and Trails-Sarah mentioned that the group who has been working on the trails had planned on having a work day to begin constructing the boardwalk on Saturday, but were rained out. The group is planning on meeting tomorrow, Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. to start construction of the boardwalk.

Culverts-Supervisor Opack said he has no update at this time.

Broadband-Chair Nelson gave a brief update on broadband. Chair Nelson stated that we were asked by Cloquet Light and Power for Gnesen to provide a letter of support from the Township to include with the grant application and if the Township was willing to provide any financial support. Supervisor Opack made a motion, seconded by Chair Nelson and board approved to approve resolution #20-19 to support the broadband grant application and make a financial contribution of \$25,000.00.

Berg Road-Jason Walsh, from St. Louis County, did a site visit to a residence on Berg Road per the Township's request. Jason said he did not see any septic violations that would be regulated by the County but that he did see that each camper had its own above ground septic holding tank. However, he did not know who was responsible for regulating them. The Town Board discussed actions and will follow up at the next meeting.

Planning issue-Nathan Horyza spoke with Nathan Lacoursiere, an attorney who was referred to the Township by Gunnar Johnson. Nathan said that Nathan Lacoursiere has experience in planning and zoning and seemed qualified to act as Gnesen's attorney. Nathan Horyza did say that he finally was able to get ahold of Mike Couri and that Mike said he has been really busy and asked to give him until the end of the month and he will contact Nathan in regards to a legal question Nathan had about the planning issue. Nathan will reach out to Nathan Lacoursiere and let him know that we want to wait until the end of the month and see what Mike Couri comes back with first and then revisit the discussion about hiring a new legal representative in early August.

MATIT Insurance coverage-Chair Nelson has not been able to get ahold of anyone yet.

Plexi-glass barriers-Clerk Haller has picked these up and Chair Nelson said he will get some face shields for the election judges.

Chloride-Dust Doctors have completed applying chloride to the township roads.

Defibrillator-Sarah has purchased one to have at the GCC.

Parking lot paving quotes-Sarah received two quotes for paving the parking lot at the GCC. Asphalt of Duluth quoted \$48,933.96 for the main parking lot and an additional \$18,815.95 for the gravel lot south of the parking lot. Ulland Brothers quoted \$51,200.00 for the main parking lot and an additional \$6,100.00 for the gravel lot south of the parking lot. No decision was made at this time.

Informational meeting at Fredenberg-No one was able to attend.

CARES-Dave said that he has heard air quality within buildings being talked about a lot right now with Covid-19. Dave was questioning if installing an air conditioning unit in the GCC to help with our air quality might be covered by the CARES money. Jon said that air exchange is a significant part of Covid-19, especially in an office space. They will revisit this topic once the money is in the Townships possession.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Letter from St. Louis County Public Works-Clerk Haller contacted St. Louis County Public Works Department and asked if when they are resurfacing Schultz Lake Road if we could get Island Lake Drive and West Pioneer Road striped at the same time, but has not heard back yet.

Signage for Covid-19 available to purchase through Pro Print-The Supervisors decided at this time to just make our own. Supervisor Franckowiak suggested to check out the Department of Health site and see if there were free signs on there that we could print off.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

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#### Upcoming meetings:

Town Board Meeting-August 10, 2020-8:00 p.m.

Primary elections-August 11, 2020-Polls open 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Planning Commission-August 19, 2020-7:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-August 24, 2020-8:00 p.m.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting is taped for transcribing purposes only.)

Visitors attending the meeting: Nathan Horyza. Employees absent: Lottie Haller.