

Summary Regular Town Board Meeting Town of Gnesen

May 10, 2021. (This meeting was held during a peacetime state of emergency/declared pandemic and was conducted via zoom.) Meeting ID 769 287 3838 Passcode 762947.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Town of Gnesen was held on Monday, May 10, 2021, via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Nelson. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor Franckowiak, second by Supervisor Opack. All voted in favor.

Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Town Board Meeting were unanimously approved with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak.

Treasurer's report was read. There were two outstanding checks for a total of \$558.06. Motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Franckowiak, all voted in favor to accept the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comp Plan-Supervisor Opack asked for an update on the Comp Plan. Chair Nelson stated that he talked to Josh, from ARDC and we will not pay the last payment until the comp plan is finished. Josh will contact the Planning Commission to set up a date to complete the comp plan.

American Towers about the cell tower by Jay and Marcia Haller's home-Chair Nelson gave an update on the meeting with the representative from American Towers at the Haller's property. Our attorney will follow-up with the telephone companies that are renting space on the tower to see if they can turn the antennas. Chair Nelson said they are trying to get the telephone companies to do some measuring with the same type of tool that Jay and Marcia used. Jay and Marcia will continue to do readings with their machine and Chair Nelson stated that they should send those readings to Nate LaCoursiere. Jay and Marcia thanked the Board for all the work they are doing to help them.

Memorial blood drive-We had twenty-six people donate blood at our May 3rd Blood Drive.

Cutting edges for grader blades-We received two quotes and Chair Nelson made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to go with the quote from Pit & Quarry for \$1,700.00 plus the cost of hex nuts and bolts.

Broadband update-Chair Nelson stated that the plan is to keep meeting with Rice Lake, Lakewood and two County Commissioners to put together a proposal to ask the County to give towards broadband using money from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Chair Nelson will do some research on revenue bonds. Supervisor Opack mentioned that he had received a call from Scott Olson asking about a source of water for boring that Century Link is doing relating to fiber optics. Chair Nelson stated that Century Link has no plans to do fiber to the home. They are making sure what Century Link and the company that won the award are doing.

Two email letter from Nate LaCoursiere-Updates on the MN Power Island Lake Subdivision process, emissions inspection at the Hallers, and upcoming projects: Dowson & Wing Variance and the Stewart property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grader operator's road report-Tom Haller reported that the roads were on good to fair condition and he is waiting for some rain to go back and regrade them. Tom reported that there was no beaver activity on the Boulder Lake Road, but he did clean out the culvert there. He also stated that we need to do some work on the West Pioneer Road patch and the road needs striping. He stated that he needs to bring the grader down to McCoy for a warranty issue and he will do that.

Gnesen Community Center Building Manager Report-Sarah Blix stated that the new gym doors should be ready in four to six weeks. Jody Cooke has put in the bases on the ball field and he has repaired the slide in the playscape. Sarah stated that she cleaned up the playscape. Jody mentioned that there is

settling from the recently installed water line in the back yard and he raked it out today and that we should get some dirt and top-soil and then plant some grass seed. Supervisor Opack stated that they could use his screener and we can make some top soil. Chair Nelson stated that he cleaned up and tied up a tree that broke off on the trail but it needs to be cut down so it doesn't fall on the playscape. Jody will handle this.

Thank you-We received a Thank You from Jon for the flowers in memory of his brother that passed away.

Lawn Mowing contract-Supervisor Franckowiak made a motion, second by Supervisor Opack to go with Tyler Bosiacki-Lawn Care Precision again for the same price as last year at \$85.00 a time.

Striping and crack sealing West Pioneer Road and Island Lake Drive-We will get some quotes from KTM and Tars and Stripes.

Letter from St. Louis County-Proposed sale of State Tax Forfeited land on Woodland Beach-The County has approved Lots 749 thru 753 for sale at their auction. This is just an FYI for the Board.

Zoning Officers Report-Nathan Horyza was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Feedback from the Supervisors to the Planning Commission-Nothing tonight.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Disbursement #15181 thru #15200 and 4 EFT's were read, approved, and signed for payment for a total of \$24,411.04 with a motion by Chair Nelson, second by Supervisor Opack all in favor to pay the disbursement.

No further business, the zoom meeting adjourned at 8:56 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 via zoom: Jay and Marcia Haller, Corey Stewart, and Diana Brainerd. Employees present via zoom were Jody Cooke. Employees present in person were Tom Haller. Employees absent Nathan Horyza.

Upcoming meetings: (These meetings will be conducted via Zoom and in person)

St. Louis County Commissioners Meeting at Rice Lake City Hall-May 11, 2021

Planning Commission Meeting-May 19, 2021-7:30 p.m.-Zoom

Road Review Meeting-May 24, 2021-1:00 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-May 24, 2021-8:00 p.m.

AWAIR Safety Meeting-May 24, 2021-8:30 p.m.

Town Board Meeting-June 14, 2021-8:00 p.m.