

**Amo Town Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2022**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Attorney, Custodian, Handyman, Dave Kieser, Clerk, 6 Citizens and Janet Beam, with the Republican Newspaper, present. Meeting started at 7:05 p.m. Minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Donna motioned to accept the minutes with spelling correction made, Rene second, minutes approved and signed.

Dave Kieser: Prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> the 2022 Pavement Asset Management Plan was submitted. This plan was approved by INDOT for 2023. This keeps the town eligible for matching grants.

He provided an update on the Window Grant for the Interurban: It won't be worked on till the weather is at least 50 degrees outside.

Still working on the Capital Improvement Plan, hope to have it done in January. Dave let Gina Wicks know that there are grants available for Historic buildings and he could get with her on some information. Dave also let Matt know he would get him a copy of a planning map for the Annexation. He has a planning map for the town as well.

Dave explained the plan to bring Broadband to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He explained this as a preparation of a Broadband Readiness Plan. He stated how the town could use the American Rescue Act money for planning and matching grants. There would be a five-member committee to oversee this project. It would consist of four citizens and one council member. The cost for Dave Kieser Consulting Group to administer this agreement is \$18,900.00, which can be paid for out of the ARA money. Donna motioned to accept this agreement with Dave, Rene second. The agreement was signed.

Darrell Mynatt spoke about wanting to put the basketball court display in the Interurban next month. He would also like to speak at the January meeting to explain plans on a museum in Amo.

Attorney: Matt has not received the insurance information from the fire department yet. Clerk cannot give check to fire department till she receives insurance information. Still working on the annexation of the Richey property.

Marshal: No major events to report. Officer Oliphant attended a 40-hour class covering crisis intervention training, and Officer Vehling attended the fall law enforcement conference. The officers continue to train year-round to meet state mandated requirements along with additional specialized training. The Indiana Law Enforcement Academy has approved stated required minimum policies covering vehicle pursuits and use of force. Our policies already appear to be in compliance but will undergo additional review. Chris is still working on the code of ordinances. Chris would like to purchase training and duty ammo; the cost is \$955.67. Donna motioned to have Chris purchase the ammo, Rene second.

"Welcome To Amo" sign will be pushed back till spring. Chris would like to get a gift card for Chris Carter as a thank you for all the help he does for the town. Donna motioned to spend \$50.00 on an Amo Pizza gift card, Rene second.

Fire Chief: Pancakes with Santa is December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 am.

Handyman: Greg had no hours for November.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 17 hours for cleaning and 13.75 hours for scheduling, totaling 30.75 hours for November. She gave clerk \$1,050.00 for November payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky had no hours for November. Deadline for newsletter is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Map and Tour Guide have been finalized. Becky's goal is to have the Town of Amo Resource Guide updated and ready by January 2023. Please send any updates to Becky by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Reading Room Clerk: Lisa turned in 26 hours for November. Her expenses were \$22.76 for supplies.

Old Business:

Post Office Brick: No News

Drainage: Brian Stephenson fell and hurt his knee; he will send one of his workers by the end of the year to get the job done.

Community Building thermostat covers is ongoing.

Estimate for the 6 ft treated picnic tables are \$311.08. Rene motioned to have Greg build two tables at \$311.08 each, Donna second. Clerk will pay material cost now so Greg can get started on this project.

Greg will move the bench from the Amo Cemetery to the Post Office Bay for the winter.

The Council thanked the Republican Newspaper for the nice article written about the town.

Back splash at Community Building is still being worked on.

Cold patch still needs purchased.

Interurban doors need to be looked at, they have cracks and are letting cold air in.

Tree trimming at the 4-way still needs done.

Clerk purchased 2 large American flags for the 4-way stop area, the cost was \$170.00 each.

Donna motioned to spend the ARA money as \$5,000.00 to Brian Stephenson for the drainage project, \$2,835.00 to Kieser Consulting for 15% of the Broadband Project, \$3801.08 to the Storehouse Food Pantry for fuel and food, \$622.16 to Greg Burch for two picnic tables and \$7,747.90 to the Amo Fire Department for loss revenue from the boot drive and fish fry, Rene second.

New Business:

No bank statements.

Donna motioned for James Travelsted to be the Amo Town Board President for 2023, Rene second. Donna motioned for Rene Gay to be the Amo Town Board President Pro-temp, for 2023, James second.

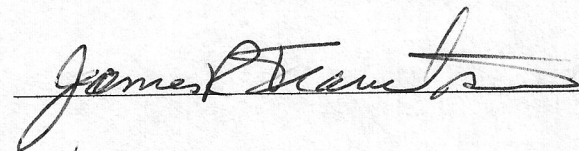
Next meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>

Bills signed.

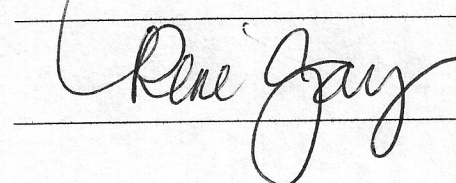
Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

1-5-2023 Date

 James Travelsted

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Donna Watson

 Rene Gay