

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2024**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshall, Communication Director, Clerk, and 3 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

Under our new procedures the minutes of the January meeting were emailed to the council members for review and corrections. Those minutes were available when you signed in tonight.

After review of these minutes, are there any additions or corrections? The only change made was to rephrase the following (Donna thanked the Republican Newspaper and the Hendricks County Foundation for a letter of our support on our election because they stated we have the highest of achievement, they stated we have the trust of our peers to represent them and have their best interest in mind). Rene motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, Mark second. Minutes approved and signed.

The Sign-In list was checked, and nobody requested to speak tonight.

Update Task List:

Donna asked for the starting balance on ARA Fund, which is at \$28,917.33 as of 1-1-24. We appropriated \$4,677.00 for 2024. We can ask for additional appropriations.

Barb is still working on getting an estimate from KASE Electric, for electrical outlets, outside at the Interurban.

Drain in front of church has been assigned to Mark.

Backsplash and chair rail has been assigned to Mark.

Get computers for Reading Room has been assigned to Mark. He wanted to know what they are to be used for. Mark said the price could be anywhere from \$200 to \$600 each, these are tablets. Donna wanted to see what the state had to offer.

Duke LED Program has been assigned to Rene.

Mark had the couch that was dumped by the dumpster disposed of.

TDS Telecom work has been completed at the Interurban and Community Building. Donna gave the paperwork to Barb.

Flashing school sign was discussed, there are two options; fix the electric or go with the solar. Solar would cost \$2,615.00, installation free. Rene motioned to purchase solar light and Mark second.

The ADA Transition Plan is \$3,000. This is a plan that is needed to apply for grants. Donna signed it. This plan goes over all roads, sidewalks, and buildings, reports whether the town is compliant or not.

Collection Box for payment of Community Building rental was discussed. You will now be able to drop off payment at the Amo General Store.

The Museum Committee has had two meetings so far. Everyone is excited about moving forward with the museum. There are 8 people on the committee. They are going to remove some of the books from the adult section to make room for display cases. There have been several items donated. To try to get money from a grant we would have to have a permanent part to the museum and a revolving part. They are looking into making the Amo History part, as revolving, which would hopefully cause people to want to revisit. Would like to get the school involved. There is grant money available.

Marshal Chris Nelson reported on the flagpole at the Post Office, a report has been turned in on getting it fixed. Chris is concerned that it is a safety issue. Doug Wallace installed the original pole.

Hall Sign bill has been taken care of.

The court disbursement letter was signed by the Council. Rene will get it to Matt.

Chris and Greg filled potholes. There was a discussion on the condition of the roads. Roads 450 and 425 are in bad shape. There was a discussion about the black ice issue, could be a drainage problem, Mark will look into this. Donna will check with Dave Keiser for any grant assistance that may be available for road repair.

There was a discussion on relocating the town dumpster to the west side of the Community Building. It would have to be fenced in and locked. Discussed changing the dumpster to toters and the cost. Decided to table for now and will try to include dumpster in Park Plan.

Chris had looked into computers a few years ago and the computers from the state are not worth going with. It was cheaper to purchase retail.

Broadband Resolution Closing paperwork: Matt Burkert still has, Rene will check with him.

Flooring in the Post Office was discussed.

New Business:

Dan Lake has a survey going out about the Park Plan. Brian Williams had some corrections. The changes he mentioned have already been corrected. They are due back February 16th.

Becky Rhea will head the Museum Committee and Donna Watson will be her back up.

Brian Williams will lead the Park Plan Committee. Donna will pass the information on to Brian. Dan will call a meeting after the surveys have been received and a report made.

Donna talked to Dan about the park and about having a mural on the side of the building. There is mural and museum grant money available that Donna is working with Dave on.

Hendricks County Comprehensive meeting is next week, nobody is available to attend.

Donna gave a report on Boot Camp:

Donna and Mark received the 2024 Indiana Municipal Officials Handbook.

Some of the Workshops available were:

- 1) Clerk training.
- 2) Funding Cross Grant, shovel ready.
- 3) Towns under 2000.
- 4) Ethics Conflict of Interest.
- 5) Code Enforcement.
- 6) Town Council Members.
- 7) America in Bloom.
- 8) Budget Gateway.
- 9) 100R.
- 10) Public Meeting Management.

Fall Conference is October 8th, 9th, and 10th at Fort Wayne.

Newsletter has been mailed.

Lawn mower needs serviced at Mower Zone. There was a discussion about trade in value. Barb will take the mower in and check on what trade in value is.

Bills signed.

Next meeting is March 14th

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

3-14-24 Date

Donna Watson

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Mark Wicks

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Rene Gay

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