

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 2 Council Members present, Marshall, Communication Director, Clerk, Janet Beam with The Republican Newspaper and 9 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:02 p.m. Minutes of the May 11th meeting were read. Rene motioned to accept the minutes as read with the one spelling change of VAR to DAR, Ron second, minutes approved and signed.

Director Dawn Mason and Ariana Gurrola, with the Hendricks County Emergency Management Agency, were here to talk to the Council about the Warming and Cooling Stations within the town. They have brought up the ideas to their Advisory Council which consists of a Judge, a Commissioner, a Fire Chief, a Police Chief, and a Town Council Member, to go out to each town to see if they could start providing a place for citizens to get out of the heat or cold in extreme weather. What they are looking for is a place for someone to go for shelter with temperature above 95 degrees or below freezing, to get inside. They would post this location and time that it is open on public media. They are looking for the hours of 8:00 am-4:00 pm, maybe in a church or food pantry. There was a discussion on this matter. Rene will look at different options and get back with them.

Kerry Kiefer presented a comment form: Question: Why can't the minutes from previous month be presented to members before the next meeting? Still have copies at the next meeting for attendees to review and comment. No changes then council motions to approve and move on. That would have saved 15 minutes tonight. There was a discussion, the clerk thought it had something to do with the open-door policy, Kerry said he quickly looked that up and it doesn't state anything about the reading of the minutes. Ron said we will look further into this matter and let you know what is decided. Ron stated that he knows different places do it different ways, but this is how we have always done it in Amo.

Attorney: No report.

Marshal: No major events. Town cleanup day was a success, four dumpsters were filled. Chris appreciated everybody that came out and helped. A special thanks to Mark and Gina for providing lunch for everyone. Chris attended the Hendricks County Comprehensive Plan "Meet and Greet" Meeting. The website should be live in about two weeks. (PlanHendricks.com) The whole plan should be on the website. There was a question about the \$7,500 cost for a small town and whether Chris thought that was something worth spending to have their own. It is an option out there for the small towns if they want it. Everyone has a voice and a seat at the table to give their input into the plan.

Fire Chief: No report.

Handyman: Greg turned in 36 hours for mowing, 4 hours for potholes, 4 hours for clean-up day and 6.5 hours for clean-up on Walnut Street, totaling 50.5 hours for May.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 15.25 hours for custodian and 12.25 hours for scheduling, totaling 27.5 hours for May. She gave the clerk \$550.00 for May payment of Community Building rentals. Kelsey received a thank you note from Keith Huffman and Judy Dunlap for the use of the Community Building for the 2023 Day of Prayer. She has concerns about the window seals in the Community Building and the kitchen sink leaking again. Ron will look at them.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 1.5 hours for Facebook and .5 hour for misc. totaling 2 hours for May. Becky will get the letter, for Ronda Beck, to do the Military Banners next year, to Ron for him to sign. She gave Ron a Thank You for hanging the Military Banners. There were 64 Broadband surveys returned. Dan has the surveys, and he is reviewing them and will have a tally of the results. The committee will meet and have the result at the next town meeting. Becky does not have the information about the American Legion Flags yet.

Reading Room Clerk: Kelsey turned in 28 hours for May. Rene got the new OPEN sign for the Reading Room. Kelsey would like to thank Mrs. Burch for the nice books donated.

Old Business:

Interurban Windows: No updated.

Post Office Door: No update.

Historical Downtown Plan: No update.

The tree on Walnut Street is done. The stump is still there. Barb will call Chad McMahan about stump chipping.

Alleyway by Bobbi Bray's old house, East, and West of Pearl Street: Ron got an estimate from Joe Harper, for the #57 rock with limestone, at \$1,000-\$1,250. There was a discussion; Rene said she would get another estimate, Barb said she could call someone also.

Interurban Chimney: Still working on it.

Church Drain: Jason Richey and Ron will work on it.

New Business:

Bank Statement signed.

Hendricks County Siren: No update.

Next meeting is July 6th.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

7-12-23 Date

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