

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Communication Director, Attorney, Clerk and 12 Citizens present. Meeting started at 7:03 p.m. Minutes of the February 10th meeting were read. Corrections were made. Donna motioned to accept the minutes with correction, Rene second, minutes were approved and signed.

Ron addressed those in attendance about how the meetings will be conducted to address the citizens' concerns. A comment sheet is available to fill out before the meetings. Each citizen who has submitted a sheet will be allowed three minutes to present their comments. This will take place at the beginning of the meetings.

Installation of the Geothermal heat pump at the Interurban is to start March 16th and finish on March 17th.

Southside Drainage Project: Closeout letter is being finished next week. Becky had received an email on March 10th from Susan Kemp with INDOT asking about the closeout paperwork for the Southside Stormwater Grant. Donna spoke with Dave about closeout paperwork and Ron will finish it out.

7:20-7:24 Kelly Tipton: The Baptist Church is sponsoring An Egg and Scavenger Hunt for the community. It will be held April 16th from 1:30-3:00. Everybody is welcome to come. Volunteers and candy donations would be appreciated. The church is also planning a "Snowman Decorating Contest" for the community.

7:24-7:27 Carla Trowbridge: Mill Creek West fifth grade class is having a Color Run and Basket Raffles to raise money for the Bradford Woods trip. Any donations would be appreciated.

May 26th is Mill Creek Community School Corporation's Annual All Staff Recognition Breakfast. Any donations would be appreciated.

Donna motioned to donate \$200.00 to the Bradford Woods trip and the All-Staff Recognition Breakfast, Rene second.

7:29-7:32 Gina Wicks: The opening for Cup and Cone will be May 1st, Serving coffees and ice cream. Gina asked the Council if the parking on Pearl Street, downtown, could be changed from parallel to angle. They will look into it.

7:32-7:35 Chris Carter: Potholes on 425 South, 500 South, towards Stilesville, and 450 South needs looked at. Ron will look at. The ring on the manhole on Walnut Street was never fixed. Ron will look into.

Jason Richey: The stormwater drainage that ends at the bridge needs looked at. Jason would like the council to look at before the next board meeting. Ron will try to get with him sometime.

Attorney: Matt has been working on one ordinance violation. Donna motioned to retain Matt's services for the 2022 year, Rene second.

Marshal: Chris talked to Matt about potholes, most are too bad for cold patch. February was a busy month with three incident reports taken. 1) Car stolen at the Amo General Store; case closed. 2) Shoplifting at the Amo Store, charges filed, case closed. 3) Ordinance violation still working on. Closing rate on these cases were good. The police received \$250.00 from the State for gun permits. Chris had filed a report to the state to receive, not sure if it will be available every year.

Chris discussed Google email, it would be more secure and an "in.gov" designated email. Chris will get more information to clerk. Mr. Richey applied for a permit to use firearms on his property within the town limits. Chris inspected the property and found it to be within the guidelines of the permit. Citizens expressed their concerns. The permit was read to Council for approval. Approved and signed. Permit cost of \$25.00 was paid to clerk.

Chris had to get parts for the air compressor totaling \$26.74, Donna motioned to reimburse Chris for the cost, Rene second. The extra police car has three days left on the auction.

Pastor Shelly was unable to attend tonight meeting, so Chris gave the Compassion Box report. Donations were collected for two families, Wes Parrish and Linda McIntire (Lori Estes' Mother). Donations totaled \$19.05. The cost was \$27.94 for two crosses and bouquet of flowers. Also \$26.75 was spent on bouquet for Linda. Donna motioned to pay the difference of \$8.89 and the \$26.75, Rene second.

Fire Chief: No report.

Handyman: Matt turned in 0 hours for February

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 12 hours for cleaning and 11 hours for scheduling, totaling 23 hours for February 1st through February 28th. She gave clerk \$725.00 for February for payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 0 hours for February. It was brought to Becky's attention that there are two Facebook pages. She is working to fixing the problem.

Reading Room Clerk: Lisa turned in 24 hours for February 1st through February 28th.

Old Business:

Ron will call someone to look at potholes to fix and cost.

Donna has been working on Arbor Day on April 29th, will table till spring.

Dave is still working on the five-year Capital Improvement Plan. A five-member committee will be formed. They will look into public works, streets, storm drainage, infrastructure and assist the council. The committee's goal is to find what would be best for the town and report findings to the Council. The committee will consist of Gina Wicks, Cheri Bray, Jason Richey, Becky Rhea and Donna Watson.

Town maps can be viewed on Beacon Schneider Corp.com. Anybody can look up this information.

Ron is working on a plan for the back splash at the Community Building. Will have at next meeting.

New Business:

Bank Statement signed.

Doug had made a request, at the previous meeting, that the sidewalk, on the west side of Pearl Street, north of the school, needed to be moved off of the road. He also suggested that the reflectors on the pole, on the

east side, should have been bridge embankment style reflective signs. Council decided that the sidewalk location and reflectors used, are fine, no changes being made.

There was a discussion on continuing Main Street to Mr. Richey's property. Donna has looked at the maps on Beacon in that area. There was a 10-foot section that was discussed, it will be looked into for cost.

A 20-foot Road was also discussed.

Plans for the bench at the Amo Cemetery are: 1) three-sided bench at \$2,253.09, 2) 5-foot bench at \$999.78, 3) 4-foot bench at \$660.29. Also, a donation on the upkeep of the grounds was suggested. More discussion to occur at the next meeting. *Quote from Greg Burch.*

Town cleanup day will be May 14th from 9 am - 4 pm.

Ron is working with TDS on the right of way plans.

Senator Braun representative came to the meeting at the Community Building on March 2nd, not a large turnout, but was helpful to the people that did attend.

Donna gave an update on the ARP. Reports are due by April 30th for the funds that have been used from March 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Donna received a quote from Brian Miller to do the tuck point work on the Post Office brick. The quote is for \$3,500.00.

Amo Food Pantry would like a donation for \$537.00, Ron will get more information.

Next meeting is April 7th.

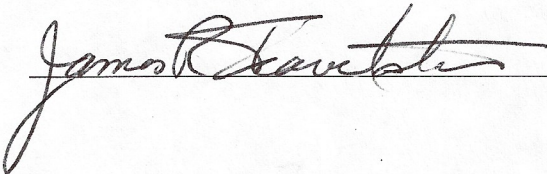
Bills signed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

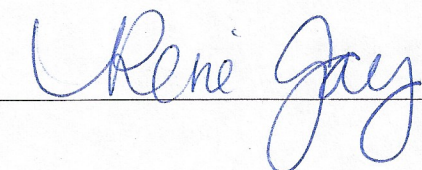
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

4-7-2022 Date



James Travelsted

Donna Watson



Rene Gay