

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2024**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshall, Communication Director, Clerk, and 11 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Under our new procedures the minutes of the February 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? There were no additions or corrections. Rene motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Mark second. Minutes approved and signed.

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

One Comment Form was presented to Council President Donna Watson from Ginger Denker. Question 1) Are there Amo town ordinances that would protect trees growing in town easements? Would these trees be protected against digging or trimming that would compromise the health and integrity of the tree? Would Amo consider becoming a part of the Tree City USA program? Answer: Town ordinance was read about trees and our protection of those in our right of way. The trees in question were on private property. Council is looking into Tree City program with our Park Plan. Question 2&3) Are there ordinances that would restrict the building of permanent structures on/or near existing sewer drainage systems or septic tanks of the town? Are there ordinances that would restrict the building of permanent structures that could block access to alleyways? Answer: Yes, the building ordinances we have in town are handled by the Hendricks County Zoning and Building. The town goes under the county ordinances.

Update Task List:

Backsplash in kitchen is done. Cost \$500 for work done by Tim Baldwin. Approved.

The ADA Transition Plan: 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. The council approved to pay \$1,000 bill.

A discussion on the mower servicing cost is \$373.69. The costs for new mowers is for a Rebel, like what the town currently has now, for \$5,502.30, and for a Rogue, which would be a step up from what the town has now for \$7,714.30. These totals reflect a trade-in value for our current Rebel of \$3,350.00. There was a discussion, and it was decided that the upgraded mower would be best. Rene motioned to approve the purchase of the Rogue for \$7,714.30, Mark second.

Interurban Windows: Looking at possibly April.

Post Office Flagpole: Mark Belford and Mike Brown are working on. Mark Wicks will get receipts from the cost of materials to the Clerk. Some things were donated. Mark and Mike would like to give Dudley Wallace a \$100 gift card for all his help. Will wait till is done.

Donna mentioned donating the town flag to the Fire Department and ordering a backup for the town.

The drainage problem at 425 West, Donna will look into the Community Crossing Grant.

TDS bill is worked out.

Duke LED light program, Donna signed and mailed back.

History Museum update: The committee is now up to nine members; Kelsey Freeman was added. Working hard on setting up the area. Looking for Amo memorabilia if anyone has some. Becky is asking approval to purchase boxes for the Museum, cost \$110.00, approved. Some members are going to go to the Hendricks County Museum to see how they catalog their items.

Park Plan: First meeting is April 1st. Looking into a Destination Plan Grant. The committee is working on a survey. Looking at getting the local kids input on what they would put on a mural to represent Amo. The town dumpster was discussed and would like it to be part of the Park Plan.

Marshal Chris Nelson reported on the flashing yellow light to be delivered next week.

The court disbursement letter was filed.

Dog violation started in February; Chris is keeping an eye on it.

Town clean up day will be May 4th from 9-3 Barb will contract Jack's Trash for three dumpsters.

Chris had the oil changed in the truck cost \$87.17 approved for reimbursement.

Chris spoke to mailman about flagpole, asked him to change the way he picks up mail.

Security cameras were discussed, Janet Beam with the Republican Newspaper stated that Coatesville was looking into them also. Chris will look into it.

The council retained Matt Burkert for town attorney for the year of 2024.

Fire Department Report: Fire Department would like the town to look into new Christmas lights. Rene volunteered to take this project on.

New Business:

ARA Funds need more appropriations added. The clerk will ask for additional appropriations, will have paperwork for the next meeting.

Computers for the Reading Room were discussed. Becky Rhea got with the MCSC IT department for directions on what type of tablets we might need. She suggested Lenovo tablets at \$175.00 each. Rene motioned to approve 3 tablets at \$175.00 each, Mark seconded.

The ARA report was done last year, and on time. Non-compliance email was sent out by mistake.

Opioid money was received, \$81.70 unrestricted.

Council signed Proclamation Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day. Vietnam Veterans Day is March 29th.

Barb or Becky will get the information to Mark for his Internal Control Training.

Annual Report completed and advertised.

Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration is this year. Donna will work on it and the Amo Fish Fry.

Donna gave the 2024 budget order to Barb.

Book sale March 21st, 22nd, 23rd from 9-4 at the Community Building.

Mill Creek Backpack Ministry update from Carla, she still has \$187.52 from the town.

Let Becky know if you have anything for the April, May, and June newsletter.

Military Banners have to come down by May 30th. No flags were purchased for next year.

MCSC All Staff recognition breakfast is on May 30th and would like a donation. Rene motioned to donate \$100.00 Mark seconded.

Dumpster was discussed and is tabled for now.

Thank You note received from Cascade Post Prom.

Thank You note received from the Strahl Family.

Bank statement signed.

Bills signed.

Next meeting is April 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

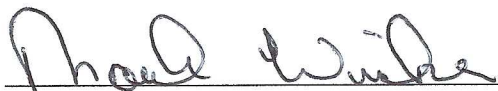
Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

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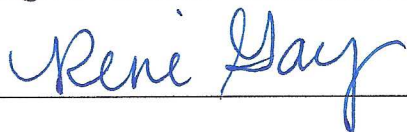
Date



Donna Watson



Mark Wicks



Rene Gay