

**Amo Town Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2023**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 2 Council Members present, 1 Council Member remote, Marshall, Attorney, Communication Director, Handyman, Clerk, Janet Beam with The Republican Newspaper and 6 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:02 p.m. Minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Changes were made as follow: Donna's name was added to the statement "Becky and Donna gave a report on the Broadband Readiness Plan." Also changed Passion Box to Compassion Box. A vote was taken to accept the minutes with the changes made, Ron "Yes", Donna "Yes", Rene "Yes", minutes approved and signed.

Chaplain Report: Pastor Shelly said that she has put the Compassion Box out three times in the last month. It has come to her attention in the last few months, maybe a couple years, that towns people want an option besides buying them something to remember their loved ones, so she started a list of non-profits in our town and the local area to give them different options, then she talks to the family to see what they want her to do. Compassion Box was out for Darrell Pugh's family, she talked with Maureen Jackson about the Pugh family, it was decided that the \$20.01 collected would be donated to the Trinity Center at the request of the family. The Compassion Box was set out for Chris Mitchell, that family decided to donate the \$11.21 to the Amo 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church. The Compassion Box was set out for Larry Foncannon. This was the largest collection Pastor Shelly has received since doing this, \$194.00. Larry's family, because the community rose up in such a beautiful way and took care of all of Larry's expenses, decided to donate to the Trinity Center in his name.

Attorney: No report.

Marshal: Chris reported that the town had the loss of Larry Foncannon, but no other major events. Kerry Kiefer works with Traffic Control Products. Through discussion with him, Chris got a quote for two flashing yellow lights, one by the school and one by the church. They are \$275.00 each totaling \$550.00. The Radar Feedback Sign costs \$2,990.00. With the cost of those we would be responsible for installing. Just wanted to present that to the council to take under advisement if this is something the council might want to do. Chris received information that the person that mows for the school is not happy about the no parking signs locations. This was relayed to Chris from a third party. Ron will talk to the school. No new street signs needed. Ron said he has 4 new Mill Creek School signs that go on the bottom of the town signs that need to go up.

Fire Chief: The fire department is asking for Fish Fry donations. They requested a donation for Fireworks of \$2,000.00. A vote was taken, Ron "Yes", Donna "Yes", Rene "Yes". They also requested donations for the Bingo Thursday night \$50.00, Friday night \$100.00 and Saturday \$250.00. A vote was taken, Ron "Yes", Rene "Yes", Donna "Yes". Donations approved.

Handyman: Greg turned in 27 hours for mowing, 4 hours for potholes and 1 hour moving bench and picnic table, totaling 32 hours for April. Greg was complimented on Facebook for the good job on the mowing on how nice it looks.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 13.75 hours for custodian and 10.75 hours for scheduling, totaling 24.5 hours for April. She gave the clerk \$800.00 for April payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 12 hours for Newsletter and 1 hour for Facebook, totaling 13 hours for April. She turned in expenses totaling \$59.56 for tabs and mailing labels. There has been a really good return on the Broadband Readiness Survey.

Reading Room Clerk: Kelsey turned in 28.5 hours for April. Kelsey gave Barb a note to read to the Council. "Things are going slow and steady. I've been doing a little rearranging and organizing. The OPEN sign did decide to die on me. Thank you so much for this opportunity." Donna suggested the OPEN sign should be replaced. Barb will look for a new sign.

## Old Business:

**Post Office Door:** Donna was unaware that the mechanical part of the door was not connected to the door. She has asked Doug Wallace about the door. He was the one that put the metal plate on the door to help protect the door from the basket, Donna asked him if he knew anybody that would give us a price for replacing the door. He said he would get with her about it. If anyone else knows someone to get a price to replace the door, let Donna know. Stanley did come out for the Post Office but didn't want to do anything because the door needed to be replaced. We can go ahead and replace the door.

**Interurban Windows:** Dave Kieser has been in contact with his contractor, and they are supposed to be coming out to look at the windows this month.

**Capital Improvement Plan:** Donna had got concerns about the draft back to Dave Kieser, and he will make changes. Cheri Bray did want to see some map updates but other than that nobody else had made any comments about the draft. Dave said when he was finished, he would draft an ordinance for the adoption.

**Historical Downtown Plan:** Dave said he needs to work more on it but waiting to see where we are at with the Broadband Readiness Plan and the ARP money first, because we want to use some of it for the downtown plan.

The tree on Walnut Street, Mr. Trump talked with Chad McMahan about the tree, it is not all dead. Chad will get to it as soon as possible.

Alleyway by Bobbi Bray's old house; Greg and Ron will clear it and then talk with Joe Harper about some rock. Then look at the alley by Mike Brown's house.

Post Office Brick: Brick work is done.

4-way tree trimming is good.

Museum Committee: Meeting cancelled. Only three could attend. Tommy Underwood will not be on the committee.

Drain in front of church is still on going. Jason Richey said it is busted back by him. Ron will have someone look at it when he has someone out to look at it by the church.

Non-Profit Mill Creek School Census: Donna spoke with Matt Miller about the grant that the school got from the Hendricks County Community Foundation. She let him know that the town was interested in helping with the program. She talked about the Interurban with the kids. He took Donna's name and indicated that he would be in touch about what they were doing.

Hendricks County Siren: No update. The Council received an email from the Hendricks County Emergency Management Agency. They will be at the next town board meeting to talk about Warming and Cooling Stations when the weather is bad. Also, if we are getting a new siren and what the estimate is going to be.

Rene's streetlight is fixed.

Interurban Chimney: No update.

Becky had forwarded an email to the Town Council about Zoning. Donna did have Becky reply back to them letting them know that our zoning is done through the county. They were a planning and resource company in Oklahoma. Becky did take care of this matter.

New Business:

Bank Statement Signed.

AIM Conference is August 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, Donna and Barb are interested in going.

Donna wanted to mention that there was an article in The Republican on April 6<sup>th</sup>, about the <sup>DAR</sup>VAR Chapter recognizing the local Vietnam Veterans, and it had mentioned that the Town of Amo had done a Proclamation.

Donna received information from the American Legion, they have outdoor flags that are made a little better. She is going to send this information to Becky to bring up at next meeting to see about buying American flags from them. It also supports the American Legion; Donna thought it was something we could look into.

Dave Gaston, with the Hendricks County Planning Commission, contacted Donna about their Comprehensive Plan for Hendricks County. They are also going to offer plans to each of the small towns that they cover, their cost would be \$7,500.00. The county's plan costs \$100,000.00. They asked if we would be interested in them coming out and having meetings with the town. They also asked if Donna would be on a steering committee, which she agreed she would. They are asking for input regarding what we might want. They are working on basically a 20-year plan. Jason Richey stated he had a question but then made a statement: He stated, I know that Coatesville had an issue paying the \$7,500.00, the suggestion I gave to them, when we were talking, was to possibly approaching Hendricks County to asked if maybe like pay half of that because if they want all of the towns to participate at \$7,500 (Coatesville, Amo, Clayton, Stilesville) we're all small towns, having a small budget, if maybe we could go back and ask if we could pay \$3,500.00 and they cover the rest. Donna answered that individual towns were offered to do it, but they didn't have to do it. Everybody will be on the committee; everybody will have input to the Hendricks County Plan. But if they want to have a meeting like the county, they are offering their services for \$7,500. It is not anything that we are required to do, it is something that they will do additional for each of the towns for \$7,500. Janet Beam asked if they were asking for the \$104,000.00 from the towns because the county commissioners refused to pay it? The county first went to the county commissioners, and asked them to fund the study for \$104,000.00 that's when they said no. It's Janet's understanding that's when they went to the towns. Donna said she would have to check back with them, that's not how it was explained to her. She was told they were approved. In our old ordinance the town used to have building permits where you came to the town first, you paid \$10.00 to the clerk, got a paper to take to the county to get your permit, that let the council know what was going on in town. That got dropped out of the ordinances and Donna would like to see it added back in, in order to keep communication between the county and the town council open, with what is going on in the town. Donna will get more information.

Someone is dumping tires at the town dumpster. Ron will check on.

Tox away day is May 20<sup>th</sup> at Danville, 8 a.m. -1 p.m.

Next meeting is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

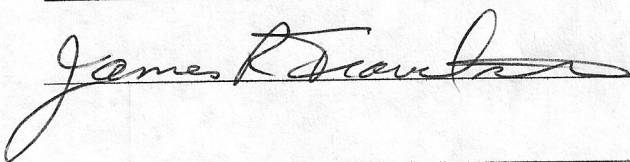
Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

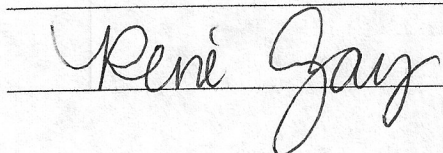
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Date



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Donna Watson



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