

**Amo Town Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2023**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 2 Council Members, Marshall, Attorney, Communication Director, Clerk, Janet Beam, with The Republican Newspaper, Dan Lake with Kieser Consulting Group, and 7 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:01 p.m. Minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was read. Spelling and Grammar corrections were made. Also, a change was made in the Compassion Box report, Becky said Shelly, not Dena, had spoken to her about sending it directly to her post. Rene motioned to accept the minutes with changes, Ron second, minutes approved and signed.

Broadband Report: Dan Lake gave a final report on the Broadband Readiness Plan. The purpose of the plan is to help the Town of Amo gain an understanding of their current broadband conditions and needs. The cost was the biggest concern of residents. Kerry Kiefer stated that he has Endeavor and if you currently have Hendricks Power, you can get them. Dan gave the committee thanks for their help and commitment. Melissa Richey contacted TDS for pricing on the internet for the Interurban and Community Building. The cost was \$64.99 per location. There was a discussion about the internet at both buildings.

per month

Park Planning Committee: The committee had their first meeting. The meeting was very productive. The committee consist of Rene Gay, Dan Lake, Mike Spilker, Brian Williams, Dustin Strahl and Lori Burdge. There will be a survey sent out at the beginning of the year. The committee wants to get an idea from the citizens what they would like to see and do at the park.

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One Comment Form:

1) Michelle Kelley: She extended an invitation to the Council to attend the Community Conversation meeting that will be held on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Trinity Center.

Attorney: Matt is working on an ordinance violation. Nothing else at this time.

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Marshal: Hendricks County ~~Comprehension~~ Open House meeting tonight (November 9<sup>th</sup>). Chris will email poster to Council. No major events. One theft and one local speeding violation. Halloween was a success. Chris gave the clerk an invoice for the signs for \$127.75 and the post for \$770.86. The speed limit signs have been installed. This spring more signs will be needed. Chris thanked Mike Spilker for the help in getting the signs done. The yellow flashing light is set to work 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Chris stated that could be changed. There was an additional cost of around \$50.00 for installing lights. The other location south of the school has no electricity. Chris presented two options for that location. 1) Solar power costs around \$2,600.15. 2) Get electricity to light. There was a discussion, Council ask Clerk to contact KASE Electric for an estimate to set up power to that location. Becky was very upset with the harvest trucks speeding through there, now with the light flashing they have slowed down. Chris met with Flock Safety about the security camera. He got information about installation and what location would work best. There would be a yearly contract cost of \$3,000 a year, there would be an install fee of \$750. Chris gave a recap to inform the citizens who had not been to the previous month's meeting on the subject. The network was checked to make sure it will work, and it will. The council will let Chris know in a week or two. The Council thanked Chris for all of his work.

Fire Chief: Angels will be up around Thanksgiving. They need some replacement bulbs; the Clerk will get. Breakfast with Santa is December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 a.m.

Handyman: Greg turned in a total of 9 hours for mowing and installing CHS signs for October.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 18.25 hours for custodian and 10.75 hours for scheduling, totaling 29 hours for October. She gave the clerk \$975.00 for October rentals. The Community Building has every weekend ~~book~~ booked till January.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 1 hour for Facebook & Website update, 14 hours for Newsletter, .5 hour for email and various communications, totaling 15.5 hours for October.

Reading Room Clerk: Kelsey turned in 28 hours for October. The Halloween Bash at the Reading Room was a success. They had about 20 attendees. Kelsey thanked Barb for the pumpkins and paint, it was a big hit. She also thanks Becky for all her support.



Old Business:

Interurban Windows: Dave and Donna are still working on it.

Town Ordinances: Donna and Chris are still working on this.

Flashing yellow light at school is done, still working on other light near church.

Community Building repairs estimate is \$10,000. This will include repairs to trim, painting, caulking the entire building. The Council will take this under advisement.

Nancy Sims was concerned about noise and vibration; Rene went to visit her, and she did not hear anything.

Donna handed out 350 Halloween bags this year at the Community Building. The popcorn and drinks went well.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> Santa will be at the Interurban.

Drain at church, Ron is meeting with Brian Stephenson next week.

After some discussion about the Drop Box for Community Building rental contracts and payment the Council decided not to install.

History Museum: Ron is still working on getting a meeting set up for the History Museum. Becky has received several nice donations for the museum.

Becky asked a question for Donna, she wanted to know if the clerk had information on raising the longevity from \$200 to \$225. There was a discussion on what Longevity was. The clerk will have to look into it.

Pavement Access Management Report has been completed.

New Business:

Bank statements were signed.

Becky forwarded an email to the Council about Duke Energy LED rebate program. Ron tried to call and schedule a time to meet with them. He was unable to get ahold of anyone about this program. Becky reread the email and it said to email back to schedule a time, Ron will try again.

Becky asks if the Council would approve the purchase of a mini fridge for the Interurban. The one there now is not working and Kelsey would like a new one. Rene motioned to approve spending up to \$200 on one, Ron second.

The printer and computer are no good at the Interurban. Becky would like to purchase a new printer. She will donate her old computer; she had the hard drive replaced. Rene motioned to approve spending up to \$300 on printer and reimburse Becky the \$60 that the replacement of her hard drive cost, Ron second.

Next meeting is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

12-7-23 Date

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