

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023**

Town of Amo held its 2024 Town Budget Adoption with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Communication Director, Handyman, Clerk, Janet Beam, with The Republican Newspaper and 6 Citizens present. Meeting started at 7:01 p.m. The 2024 Town Budget was signed.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshall, Communication Director, Handyman, Clerk, Janet Beam, with The Republican Newspaper and 6 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:05p.m. Minutes of the September 14th meeting was read. Changes made Donna requested that the town give \$250.00 so a few baskets could be made for the Marshal and Church to raffle off. And also, birds changed to bees in Custodian report. Donna motioned to accept the minutes with changes, Rene second.

Two citizens turned in Comment Forms:

1) Michelle Kelley: She asked about the signs on County Road 450, and why they are not fixed. There was a discussion on the missing signs and purchasing replacement signs. The Council had approved up to \$200.00, unfortunately they have a minimum order of 10 or more and that cost is \$750.00 to ship. Chris stated that he has one post. Chris did go ahead and order 2 30 MPH speed limit signs and hardware to install, totaling \$127.75. There was a discussion on whether to order now or wait till spring. Donna motioned to have Chris order 10 posts before the cost goes up anymore, Rene second. Michelle wanted to know if the Council had heard about the Hendricks County Youth Assistant Program. She is asking if the town would give a commitment donation. Donna and Becky attended the meeting also. This program is kind of like what we do, Chris helps out kids that have fallen into the cracks. Donna would like to wait to see what the other towns in Mill Creek do. There is more to come.

2) Darrell Mynatt: He had a question about having a digital sign placed downtown to let people know what is going on in the community. There was a discussion. Rene will look into it.

Attorney: No report.

Marshal: Chris mentioned three special events he attended. 1) the 9-11 Dinner, great turn out, we always appreciate the everything the towns does for public safety and service. 2) the car show, great turn out the weather was nice. 3) attended the Hendricks County Youth Assistant Program meeting.

He had one vehicle crash report and one battery investigation. The new flashing yellow lights have arrived. Still working on a schedule to install. The cost was \$550.00. Should have them up and going in a couple of weeks. Chris also spoke with a few residents on property conditions, several improvements have been made and several properties will continue to be followed up. Chris looked at security camera options, he had sent the council information. One company, Flocks Safety, is what most towns in the county use. He presented information on the free-standing security cameras called Condors. No internet is needed, they are hardwired in, and they are cloud based. Chris is asking the Council what they are looking for in a security camera system. What is our purpose for the cameras. Chris wanted to know what type of details they want to be able to pick up, how clear of an image they would like to be able to see. With this company they charge a yearly fee, and they take care of all the maintenance of the equipment. Each one of these cameras would cost \$3,000.00 per year. Chris suggested the Council would reach out the Hendricks Couty Parks Department to inquire about assists with the cost. There were a lot of discussions about what the purpose of the cameras would be and what type of activity the town would want to monitor. Ron thought we should reach out to the Parks Department; Rene thought it would be a good idea for a demonstration. Chris thinks you have to sign a five-year contract, he will check. It was brought up that Chris should inquire about what network they work on.

Trick or Treating times will be October 31st from 5-8. Donna would like \$350 to purchase candy for the town. Rene motioned to approve, Donna second.

Chris completed a training course for Advance Emergency Vehicle Operation Instructor. He explained what that training involved.

Chris attended the Hendricks County Comprehension meeting. They talked about land use, should we or should we not tell landowners what their land can be used for and cost of farmland to sell to big corporate America.

The Big Idea Open House is on the week of October 20th. They are looking for community feedback.

Compassion Box: Chris would like to see if the information could be put on the Town of Amo Facebook page and Website. Becky said Dena had spoken to her about sending it directly to her to post.

Dog ordinance will be in the newsletter.

Dena Travelsted had a question for Chris about the car activity in the ball parking lot at night. Chris said it is hard to catch this happening cause you never know when it's going to happen. There was a discussion on this.

Fire Chief: No report.

Handyman: Greg turned in 12 hours for mowing, 8 hours for miscellaneous, totaling 20 hours for September. He had expenses totaling \$16.30 for bolts to install signs. Greg was thanked for installing the school sign. He reported that the outside of the Community Building needs some work. Rene will look into it.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 13.5 hours for custodian and 12 hours for scheduling, totaling 25.5 hours for September. She gave the clerk \$550.00 for September rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 1 hour for Facebook & Website update, 1.5 hours for Newsletter, .5 hour for email and various communications, totaling 3 hours for September. The newsletter will be out next week.

Reading Room Clerk: Kelsey turned in 24 hours for September. Things are going well at the Reading Room. Kelsey is getting ready for the Halloween Bash. She received a great donation of Childrens' books.

Old Business:

Interurban Windows: Construction man should be out next week.

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

Interurban electrical work is done. Phil with KASE Electric wanted to let the Council know that while he was up fixing the lights that he noticed holes in the brick walls that needed to be looked at. Rene will look into at the same time as the Community Building.

Ron will let Chris know the timing for the yellow flashing lights should be during school hours 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The broadband meeting is on Tuesday the 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Interurban.

Park Plan: Rene, Dave Keiser, and Mike Spilker are working on.

Ditch at trailhead is done. Brian Stephenson will get bill to clerk.

History Museum: Ron is working on setting up a meeting.

Ron is still working on the drain in front of the church.

Windows at the Community Building: Ron is working on resealing them.

Doug Wallace property at the 4-way has been cleaned up.

New Business:

No Bank statements to sign.

Drop box for payments of Community Building rentals tabled again this month.

A wet floor sign was purchased for the Interurban.

Trailhead: Donna talked about National Trail Update from Greg Midgley. The new section opened this year in Putnum County and the Vandalia trail opening this fall in Plainfield.

Pastor Shelley asked the Council if Pearl Street could be closed on September 21, 2024, for the Car show. Donna motioned to close Pearl Street, Rene second.

Hendricks County Government Voter Registration and Election Administration requests the use of the Community Build for May 7th and November 5th of 2024 for voting and to wave the \$50 fee for renting the Community Building. Donna motioned to allow, Rene second.

Nancy Sims had reported noise and vibration at her home. Rene will try to stop by and talk to her.

There was a discussion about having Santa at the Interurban this year. Donna got a business card from the store and wrote Santa Dan a letter about doing Santa at the Interurban and he replied back that he would love to and would charge the "friends and family rate"; he doesn't charge friends and family. Becky said her former husband would also be interested in playing Santa.

Meet your candidate at the Hendricks County Fair grounds next week.
Donna made a personal statement about holding any decision she is going to make until after the November election.

Donna went over some of the topics she received at the French Lick Conference.

- 1)Agent Provocation, 1st Amendment Auditors
- 2)Going the Distance for capital improvement projects
- 3)Digital instruction
- 4)Foster connection with your schools
- 5)Ethio and baffling
- 6)AI: Artificial Intelligence
- 7)Public Arts
- 8)ARA money: what it can be used for
- 9)Public Faces and Third Places.
- 10)Utilizing Banners for Communication

Indiana Place Making Activation Grant and the Indiana Destination Development Grant. Donna will be passing this information on to Dan Lake.

Hendricks County Foundation is encouraging everyone to do the solar eclipse activities.

Next meeting is November 9th.

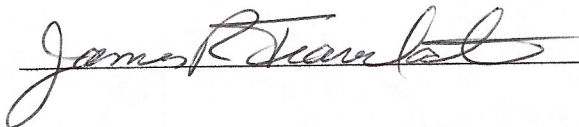
Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

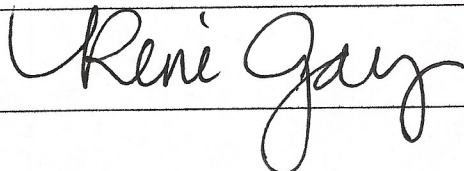
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Date



James Travelsted

Donna Watson



Rene Gay