

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2025**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Communication Director, Clerk, and 2 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the May meeting were sent to the council members for review and corrections. Those minutes were available to you when you signed in tonight.

After reviewing the minutes, are there any additions or corrections? There was one addition requested by Becky Rhea and no corrections. The addition was on first page, under Museum update, added The Cup and Cone to last sentence. Rene motioned to accept the minutes with the addition, Donna second. Minutes approved and signed.

The report on the employees' hours, and Community Building rental payments, were available with the minutes.

Old Business:

Attorney report: No report.

Marshal report: no report.

Park Board update provided by Becky Rhea: They reviewed the Park Plan and had some updates. Hope to have Park Plan ready for the August meeting. Barb let the park board know that the July meeting is also a Budget meeting and they will need to submit the park budget. Donna stated that the State has cut the budget for park funding. The new Park logo looks good on the banner.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: Becky received an email from Martin Tuohy from Illinois who was asking if he could have a copy of the Interurban building plans and specifications. He is interested in the building and possibly making a model of the building. He also has some historic photos of the IOOF Hall. There was a discussion, the council agreed that would be okay, with him incurring the cost of the copies. The new banners for the Museum, Town logo, Park and the Trail look nice. Several people have commented on them. The booth at the Amo Fish Fry was nice but will not be doing it again. It was a lot of work (set up and take down) for no more sales than they got. There are plans for the T-shirts to be for sale at the bike rides. The museum will be open during those events. Still receiving donation items. The shed is almost done and still needs to add a ramp and edging around the bottom to keep animals out. The next meeting is July 10th. Kelsey is very pleased with her new desk and file cabinet. Kelsey will be doing a Summer Book Reading Program at the Reading Room this year. Several people have commented on the layout of the Museum and Reading Room now. It has an open space and is not as crowded looking. KASE Electric (Phil Strahl) will be working on the lighting at the Interurban. The council approved \$150 for him to change one light bulb and move the other lights into downward settings.

Community Crossing Matching Grant update provided by Donna: It is moving right along. There was a meeting on March 13th, and the work should begin after mid-June. Chris is working with the contractor notifying the citizens that it will be affected. Donna stated that Tax Bill 1461 was approved. Part of the bill will be that the 25% match on CCMGs will be lowered to 20% match, this is being lowered for small towns only. This takes effect January 1. This is something that the council needs to consider for future projects.

Pestway bird proofing at Interurban is completed.

Fire Department report: The fire department would like to thank the council, for everything they did for the Fish Fry (donations for fireworks and bingo) also a thanks to all the town police officers for their help. Thanks to the townspeople who helped.

Reach Alert update by Donna Watson: There have been 22 contacts signed up with 46 texts going out each time. The last one to go out was for a reminder for the Town Council Meeting tonight.

“Beautify Amo” was on May 9th, the kids did a great job. Thanks. Gina Wicks is planting more flowers in the downtown area, thanks.

The heating unit and A/C unit were replaced at the Post Office building. The cost was \$13,464.00 with Mowery. One other estimate was received for \$13,282.00. The council approved going with Mowery.

Next newsletter is Rene.

Sign In Sheet was checked; 2 citizens to speak.

- 1) Chris Carter: Chris asked the council to approve closing the alley between his two buildings. He would like to be able to connect the two buildings in the future. This was discussed. The clerk will get him more information on the procedure on closing alleys.
- 2) Jay & Pam Albright: Pam is asking if the council would approve a rain date (September 27th) for the First Baptist Church Car Show. Council approved.

Task Sheet update:

Reminder that the AIM conference is October 21, 22, 23 in French Lick. Rooms will open up in August.

Greg will be painting the propane tank at the Community Building.

Mark is still working on Mike Brown alley; he has taken pictures and turned them over to the contractor. This was discussed, they would like Mike to repair the ruts and invoice the contractor. Mark will speak to Mike about this. Mark showed the contractor Ed Smyth’s concerns, and the contractor stated that they will fix his area of concern.

New Business:

Mark brought up that the bench that the town donated to the Amo Cemetery is in bad need of repair. This was discussed, the finish has come off, Mark will talk to Greg about redoing it.

Next month there is the Budget Meeting following the regular Town Council Meeting.

Rene Gay