

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2024**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Attorney, Communication Director, Clerk, and 2 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Under our new procedures the minutes of the July meeting were emailed to the council members for review and corrections. Those minutes were available when you signed in tonight.

After reviewing these minutes, are there any additions or corrections? There were no additions or corrections. Mark motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Donna second. Minutes approved and signed.

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

Dave Kieser gave an update on the Community Crossing Matching Grant. The estimate for the project of School Street, down Pearl Street to North Street and across Vine Street to dead end, is \$160,537.00. The town matching amount is 25% (\$40,134.25) and grant is 75% (\$120,402.75). This does not include engineering fees (\$16,000 to \$17,000). Will apply for grant in January and will find out results in late March or early April. Dave will be back in October or November to get a survey done. Dave is also taking care of the right of way permit for Comcast. He is working on an ordinance for the town for permits. Dave will work with Matt on ordinance.

Old Business:

The ADA Transition Plan: This is a plan that is needed to apply for grants. This plan goes over all roads, sidewalks, and buildings, and reports whether the town is compliant or not. Dave is still working on it, should be done by October 31st.

Interurban Windows: JDS Wood Windows Restoration is done at the Interurban. There is some touchup needed on the doors. Donna will get with them on that.

Comprehensive Development Plan update discussed. The last time the 20-year plan was updated was 2007. The cost is \$20,000 and will take about 7 months to complete. Part of the Capital Improvement Plan, for 2023-2027, was to update the Comprehensive Plan. Dave presented a proposal to the Council; the Council will look over and discuss it.

Park Planning Committee update provided by Donna. Discussed the possibility of building a park shelter and asking for volunteers to help build it. The next Park meeting is August 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Museum Committee update: Becky purchased a laptop and will get it set up to organize items being donated and displayed at museum. Things are moving along nicely. Donations are still coming in. Article in newsletter for donations. Still trying to get a grant. Next meeting is August 2nd at 4:30. Still not sure what the museum is doing for the Hendricks County Bicentennial, History Preservation category.

ARA Fund: Will get cameras with money. There was a discussion about a new furnace and A/C for the Post Office building. The quote from Mowery is \$11,600, Rene will get a second quote.

Mark looked into the cost of the dumpster. The town currently pays \$67.14 a month. Mark developed a contract with the Town to charge the town \$67.00 a month for shared usage of the store's dumpster. The Council discussed and found that to be a better solution to the problem of the trash which is being dumped at the unattended town dumpster. Donna motioned to sign the agreement with Mark, Rene second. He will work with the clerk to get put into place and try to start September 1st.

Post Office Door update: JDS Wood Window Restoration will look at the door at the Post Office to see if it is repairable.

Our Summer Fun Run is August 7th, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Parade is on December 14th. There will be vendors, food, and Santa. What do we want to do Downtown. The Council is still thinking about it. Mark will work on this.

Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget is September 5th at 7:00 p.m. and the 2025 Budget Adoption is Oct 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Donna attended the Visit Hendricks County Meeting. They talked about Advertising Hendricks County, 5-year Plan, and Hobb Station in Plainfield. She found it very interesting.

Update Task List

Rowe Paving will be out August 2nd to look at streets.

Cameras for the Post Office building was discussed. Mark and Barb are still working on it. There was a discussion into how many was needed. Mark and Barb are looking at four around \$700 and a 4-year service plan at \$89.99. Rene motioned to purchase cameras, Mark second.

Marshal Report: No major incidents. Chris received a plaque from Lexipol for the Excellence in Online Training Management for 2023. Not a bad month. Donna and Chris are still working on updating town ordinances.

Attorney Report: No Report.

Fire Department Report: No report.

Community Building Rental Agreement: Barb has not heard back from SBOA, did speak to someone else about using un-appropriated funds and it does not qualify for that appropriation. The clerk took care of a letter to citizen on misuse of building. The agreement was discussed. Becky and Barb will update the agreement.

The Sign-In list was checked, no one to speak.

New Business:

November Town Board Meeting changed to November 7th.

Newsletter went out, Thank You Becky, for doing a good job.

September 11th Dinner is from 5-8 p.m. with program at 6:30 p.m. Certificate for dinner approved.

JDS Wood Window Restoration will start work at the Community Building outside next week.

September 21st is the Car show at the Baptist Church, Donna would like \$50 for Marshall and \$50 for Town baskets to raffle off at car show, Rene motion to approve, Mark second.

Community Building back interior wall needs painted, Mark will look into.

The Interurban doors, other windows, and any other areas that need repainted, Mark will talk to Greg about.

Kelsey needs a two-drawer file cabinet, Barb will get. She would like to change the hours at the Reading Room to 5-7, Council approved.

There is a leak under one of the kitchen sinks, at the Community Building, Rene will look into.

Propane Tank at Community Building; Barb is looking into getting it painted.

Mark is working on getting an estimate for the tree at the Post Office. He will get two.

Donna purchased Halloween Treats, and chips for the 9/11 dinner. The cost was \$54.60. Rene motioned to reimburse Donna, Mark second. She received free boxes, of individual bags of chips, that the town then donated to the Backpack Ministry.

Donna would like approval to spend up to \$350 for Halloween this year, Rene motioned to approve, Mark second.

Internal Control Ordinance was signed.

Salary Ordinance Amending & Restating was signed.

Next meeting is September 5th

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

9-12-24 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay