

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2025**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Communication Director, Clerk, and 2 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:02 p.m.

Under our new procedures the minutes of the December 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. Rene motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Mark second. Minutes approved and signed.

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

Old Business:

ADA Plan: Dave Kieser is still working on.

Park Planning Committee update by Brian Williams: The first meeting of 2025 was held tonight before the town council meeting. The Park Board nominated Melissa Allison to fill the one-year term as a board member. Donna motioned to approve Melissa Allison for the one-year term, Rene second. Gina Wicks was appointed to fill the 4-year term as a board member. Donna motioned to approve Gina Wicks, Rene second. The sign for the future park is done and paid for. Will have to wait till ground thaws to install. Next meeting is February 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The Republican Newspaper did an article on the Museum, and it was very nice. The Indianapolis Star article was 1½ pages long, with several pictures and very nice also. Still receiving donations. Bob Hanlon has donated movies, from Katie Hanlon, from the centennial that were taken around the Amo area. The museum will be able to show these movies at different times on the TV. The museum committee would like to get a vintage bench, for the inside of museum, for visitors to have a place to sit. There are still T-shirts for sale. Chris mentioned that he thought the AMO sign that hung outside just makes the building, he would like to see it remade. Greg Burch is going to clean up the cart that is on the porch of the Interurban. There is a railroad tie on the porch, which was found during construction.

Dave Keiser contacted Donna and is going to apply for an NRHS Railway Heritage Grant for \$5,000, this has to be applied for by the end of the month. He also presented a letter of Agreement for Preliminary Plan Layout of Interior of the Interurban Building. This will provide professional design services, for the Town of Amo, for the purpose of preparing a preliminary plan for the interior layout of the Amo Interurban Station. The cost of this service is \$1,500.00 to be paid out of the Interurban Fund. This was discussed, Rene motioned to approve, Mark second.

Becky Rhea wanted to comment on how much the computers are being used at the Reading Room. Every time she is there, kids are using them. The next meeting is unknown at this time.

Community Building sink is done.

Street Cut Ordinance is finished.

Community Crossing Matching Grant is to be turned in by the end of January. The estimate on the cost was discussed, the town's 25% is \$40,000.00, and surveying and engineering \$26,000.00. This grant would be awarded in March or April.

The Vine Street property title search is done. There were two appraisals done on property, one done by Bowman & Associates and one done by Freije & Freije. One came in at \$55,000 and one at \$50,000.

Donna and Barb will be on a virtual call with E-Scribe, to learn what they offer to live stream our meetings.

Post Office door is installed. The metal plate still needs to be added.

The drain in front of Ed Smyth's house was discussed, Donna and Dave Kieser will look into and explain it to Ed.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Station parking lot has been re-done with new concrete. The new doors are ordered and going up soon. The siren is up but not in use yet. It will cover the exact same area as the old siren, plus a little more. It is an outdoor warning siren, not meant to be heard from inside a building. At this time, the old one will not be removed. That Siren dates back to a civil defense siren.

Marshal report: No major incidents to report. There was one battery report and one accident report taken. Waste Management truck caught the wire on a pole and snapped the pole. The cameras at the Post Office and the Interurban are set up. Chris stated that they are high quality and nice. He can check the cameras on his phone app. Chris is still working on a replacement reserve vehicle. Amo Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, time is 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Attorney Report: No report.

Sign In List was checked, no one to speak.

New Business:

Snow removal was discussed. Ordinance states that snow, ice and mud are the property owner's responsibility. Dustin stated that in 2014 Snow Removal Bid, it stated there had to be 3 inches of snow for him to plow, any snow under 3 inches required a phone call from the council to approve him going out. The alleys were discussed. Dustin stated that he never plowed alleys due to the moving of the stone around. He cleans the Post Office sidewalk, Interurban and Community Building. The clerk will look for the advertisement from 2014.

The Community Building men's restroom needs looked at. There was a complaint about the toilet wobbling and the toilet paper holder is too far back. This was discussed. Mark would like the north wall repainted, Becky will get an estimate from Harper Home Service, Chad Harper, for painting the wall and moving the toilet paper holder.

Mowery recommended replacing the fuses, in the furnace, at the Interurban due to them testing low. The cost would be \$327.40. There was a discussion. The Mowery Invoice from the Post Office is also talking about the fuses testing low.

Officers for the 2025 year: Rene motioned to approve Donna as President, Mark second. Rene motioned to approve Mark as President Pro tem, Donna second. Mark will be in charge of gathering information on the streets, Rene the buildings and Donna the personnel.

Next meeting is February 6th.

Bills signed.

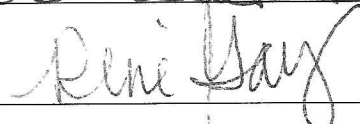
Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

2-6-25 Date

Donna Watson

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Mark Wicks

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Rene Gay