

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2026**

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

Hello, I'm Rene Gay Council President, Donna Watson Council Member, Mark Wicks Council Member (unable to attend), and Barb Strahl Clerk/Treasurer.

The minutes of the April 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 were no additions or corrections. Donna motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Rene second. Minutes approved and signed.

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

Sign In Sheet was checked, four to speak.

- 1) Kim Gray Brown: Kim made a nice statement about the Town of Amo. She pointed out flooding on Pearl Street by the church. Cleaning out stormwater drain and helping with the church grounds during the fish fry. She also mentioned helping with grants that would include the church and food pantry. It is a great town full of great people.
- 2) Ann Miller: Ann has concerns about the alley way behind her garage. Whenever it rains the water flows into her garage and floods. She would like it looked at; she believes the level of the stone in the alley is too high.
- 3) Mike Spilker: Mike has concerns about the ability to see at the corner of School Street and Pearl Street. The end parking spot causes the view to be blocked when trying to pull out onto Pearl. Dave stated that issue would fall back to the school. Donna will ask Chris to speak with Mill Creek West Principal about this matter.
- 4) Tim Baldwin: Tim was here to speak about the Amo Sewer. When it rains the amount of water going to the plant increases greatly. He would like to place a note in the next newsletter about the effects of having a sump pump hooked up to the sewer. Sump pumps are not to be hooked up to sewer. Coatesville has the same problem. Council approved article in next newsletter and also on town Facebook page. Tim will get with Becky Rhea on this matter.

Attorney report: No report.

Park update provided by Becky Rhea: No meeting held today. Next meeting is June 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

Museum update provided by Becky Rhea: They met today. They will have extended hour on Saturday June 6th during the fish fry from 10:00-3:00. There are still T-shirts for sale. Maureen Jackson donated her dad, Al Pugh's Amo Volunteer Fire Department jacket to the museum. There will not be a June 11th meeting. Next meeting is July 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Fire Department report: No report.

Police report: Report provided by Dave Gunn: He asked to make sure the dumpsters for cleanup day are ordered. There were three traffic violations and one assist with Hendricks County Sherriff.

Old Business:

Mark spoke with Matt Liles, and town will purchase the property at the 4-way for \$2,000.00. There will also be closing costs. Mark will get paperwork taken care of.

Mark had a citizen (Jessie Minton) ask about two trees on town right-of-away. Artistic Touch Tree Service looked at them. They stated the trees were not savable. The estimate for removal and grinding of stumps is \$2,250.00. Council approved.

CCMG update: The Resurfacing Project is complete. Howard Asphalt did not need to use all the material that was quoted. The project cost decreased from \$29,934.50 to \$27,940.53, a savings of \$1,993.97. Closing docs were approved.

Cascade High School Junior Giveback Day report provided by Barb Strahl: April 10th there were five junior boys that came to help out in Amo. Three helped Kelsey Freeman at the Community Building deep clean the tables and two helped Barb Strahl and Gena Wicks plant flowers in the town flowerpots. Becky Rhea coordinated with Mr. Shafer. The event went very well. The Cup and Cone treated the boys to ice cream at the end.

Community Building Flooring update: The Council, Barb Strahl, Becky Rhea, and Kelsey Freeman will be choosing the color for the refinishing of the Community Building floor. This needs to be done by June 1st.

Donna met with the Hendricks County Visitor Center. They discussed several different possible areas that they could help the town out with. A mural on building downtown about the Interurban, a book for kids, and a grant for the Interurban Museum, for planning. Also looked at the Vine Street property for a grant to help with the park. The Indy Trailways Maps shows Amo and Coatesville on it.

Town Dumpster update: WM Corporation dumpster was to be picked up April 30th and Jack's Trash dumpster was to be delivered May 1st. This has not happened yet.

New Business

Town Cleanup Day is May 16th 9:00-2:00.

Newsletter update provided by Becky Rhea: Becky stated since she retired April 30th she can no longer print the newsletter at the Lifestyle Group. She has looked into a different option. Becky has given a cost comparison report on printing the newsletter. She contacted Spectrum in January 2026. At that time, it was going to cost \$404.45 to do 138 post office boxes (printing, paper, folding, postage) that would not include the eighty-five out of town recipience. Her cost is \$353.40 without postage. Her suggestions were to email nonresidents and hold newsletter to six pages. No decision is needed until the June meeting.

Becky reported some damage that had occurred at the community building. Paint was damaged after tape was used on the walls, table was broken and eagle on flag was broken. This was discussed. Kelsey would like the rental agreement updated to state that no items can be taped on the walls. It was suggested to post rules in main room of the building. Council approved to update rental agreement.

Cameron Plumbing fixed the women's restroom at Community Building.
The alley way behind the store, behind Ann Miller's and the one between Pearl Street and Walnut Street will be looked at.

Bill from Dustin Strahl for snow removal was approved.

Next meeting is June 11th.

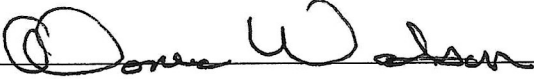
Bank Statements signed.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

6-11-26 Date

 Donna Watson

Mark Wicks

 Rene Gay