

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025**

Town of Amo held a Public Hearing for the 2025 Street Resurfacing Project, with 1 Council Member, Donna Watson remote and 2 Council Members, Marshal, Attorney, Communication Director, Clerk and 1 Citizen present. The hearing started at 7:00 p.m.

John Ellis is the engineer for the 2025 Street Resurfacing Project, he will open each bid, review them and give the amount of each bid.

This hearing was for bid openings.

- 1) Ace Paving--\$21,800.00
- 2) Baumgartner & Co.--\$29,232.00
- 3) Grady Brothers Inc--\$28,479.00
- 4) Howard Companies--\$26,734.00

John checked each bid to approve all the information was present. After reviewing the bids John requested an approval for the lowest bidder, Ace Paving at \$21,800.00. Donna motioned to accept the bid, Rene second. John will send all the information to Donna for signatures.

Hearing adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 1 Council Member, Donna Watson remote, 2 Council Members, Marshal, Attorney, Communication Director, Clerk, and 1 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:16 p.m.

The minutes of the March 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' hours, and Community Building rental payments, were available with the minutes.

Old Business:

Marshal report: Chris reported that Comcast was going door to door with information about their services. This was discussed and the council approved waving the permit fee. No major incidents to report. Chris assisted other agencies on different accidents. They wanted to express their thanks for the help. Chris has been looking at a reserve vehicle for the town. He found a 2019 Ford Explorer, equipment ready to go. Chris is waiting to see if they accept the price he offered them. He discussed the state update on radio systems. The update cost could be \$415.00 per radio, town has 6. Town Clean Up Day is May 17th. Chris received a complaint about property violations, that he sent to the county, because there are multiple violations on the property. Chris will stay on top of this.

Fire Department report: New garage doors have been installed at the station. Tornado Siren discussion: It is an outdoor warning siren, only to be heard outdoors, not meant to be heard inside. Fish Fry is June 5, 6, 7, Dustin asked the town for donations same as in the past, for fireworks and bingo. Barb will get with Donna on what the town donated last year.

Park Board update by Brian Williams: The meeting was held tonight. Brian Williams and Dustin Strahl will be putting up future park sign, sometime in the next week. They presented a rough draft of the logo that they will be using. The park will be called The Amo Parks Department. They do not have an updated Park Plan yet. Dan Lake said he will be at the May meeting. The survey that was requested on town property was discussed. The cost of the survey is \$2,500.00, the property value that the board is looking at is \$680.00 will be tabled for now. Donna will get more information. Park Donation Fund can be added to the town, this was discussed. Next meeting is May 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Attorney report: Notice of Public Hearing for Jason and Melissa Richey was discussed. The attorney will get more information from the Zoning Board.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The pew that was donated by Mr. & Mrs. Ashley, from the Methodist Church, has been altered and refinished by Greg Burch. The pew looks like it was never seven foot long, it looks wonderful. The committee is going to put a donation plate on the back that it did come from the Ashleys and the former Methodist Church. Moving day is this Saturday. There are 4-6 football players coming to help move the shelves around. They still need to work on the banner design. Still working on the storage shed location. They have not heard back from 811 on all utilities. Donna and Becky attended Bartlett Church to speak about the museum. The church gave a \$100.00 donation to the museum. The next meeting is unknown.

Community Crossing Matching Grant update: The North Street Project. Starting at Pearl Street west on North Street to Vine Street and from Pearl Street east on North Street to the end. The estimate on the cost was discussed, project cost \$31,883.00, the town's 25% is \$7,970.75 and engineering \$3,800.00. The town was awarded the grant in the amount of \$23,912.24. Barb needs approval to pay Kieser Consulting \$3,500.00 of the \$3,800.00 invoice, council approved. Tonight, the bids were opened, and we are staying within the grant amount.

Barb attended the ILMCT Institute and Academy March 16th -20th at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield. She found that the workshops were very informative. One workshop was on "Live Streaming Meeting". This was a very informative meeting that made sense of what we need to do to set this up. Barb will work on getting this done.

Interurban roof tile repair was \$1,000.00 and have been completed.

Pestway bird proofing of the Interurban was discussed and approved. The work will start April 21st at 9 a.m. A deposit of \$1,500.00 is required with the remaining balance of \$5,025.90 due when work is completed.

Bug Daddy was discussed. Donna motioned to cancel Terminix and go with Bug Daddy, Rene second.

Next AIM Conference is at French Lick October 21st-23rd.

Tasks list updates: none

Sign In Sheet was checked, 2 citizens to speak.

- 1) Becky Rhea: Exterior of the Community Building was discussed. Mark looked at it. Chad thinks the flashing is wrong, Mark will look at.
- 2) Mike Brown: The construction people with Comcast left ruts in the alley by his house. He mows that alley and would like the ruts fixed. Mark will look into it.

New Business:

Rene got a quote for new refrigerators for the Community Building. The cost is \$448.00 each, \$29.00 for delivery and \$50.00 to haul away one old refrigerator. This was discussed. Council approved.

Reach Alert was discussed. Citizens sign up to receive alerts. The price is per household, (\$2.50 per household and business) and a \$36.00 FCC anti-spamming fee per year. For the first year we would get a ½ price discount for being with AIM. Donna will get more information about having a representative come out and do a demonstration on the services.

TDS sent an email out about maybe a discount on the town accounts. Barb will look at.

Dustin Strahl presented a rough draft of a logo for the town. Chris has a similar logo on his police patch. This was discussed; the council approved the logo. Dustin will get with Barb to get it worked out.

Kelsey would like approval to purchase items for the Beautify Amo meeting. She will be setting up a table with an activity for the kids to do. Donna motioned to approve of her spending up to \$100.00 for this, Rene second.

Clerk would like to apply for a major credit card for the town. This was discussed. Rene motioned to approve Barb applying for a credit card, Donna second. Barb will get with North Salem State Bank for this.

Bank Statement signed.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

5-1-25 Date

Donna Watson

Mark Wicks
Mark Wicks

Rene Gay
Rene Gay