

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2025**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 1 Council Member, Donna Watson remote and 2 Council Members, Marshal, Communication Director, Clerk, and 6 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Under our new procedures the minutes of the January 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:

Jackson Ellett addressed the Council asking for a donation for the Cascade Post Prom. Donna stated that the town had given \$200 last year, through a letter received in the mail. Donna stated that since Jackson made the effort to be here in person tonight, she is suggesting the town donate \$300. Rene motioned to donate \$300 to the Cascade Post Prom, Mark second.

Attorney Report: No report. Donna stated the Street Cut Ordinance was fine with Matt.

ADA Plan: Dave Kieser is still working on.

Park Planning Committee update by Dustin Strahl: Dan Lake will have a resolution to the Park Board on February 21st to review and then at the March 6th meeting he will have a resolution to adopt the plan. There was a discussion on the Military Banners. There were 4 banners purchased for the year 2025, leaving 2 empty posts. The Park Board would like approval to come up with designs for those two posts. Also, down the road maybe coming up with a new logo for the town and park. There was a discussion that one post could be for the park and one for the museum. Donna wanted to make sure the banners were of good quality and asked someone to contact Rhonda Beck to see what company they purchased the Military Banners from. Becky Rhea will do that. Moving forward the Park Board would like the land from Pearl Street to Vine Street and Railroad Street to South Street surveyed. This would show exactly where the property lines lay. This was discussed. The clerk will contract Dave Gaston for an estimate as to what the cost of said survey would be. Next meeting is March 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The committee's main focus is the floor space design and also keeping the Reading Room as is. Kelsey is going to come up with a few ideas on how she operates and get back with the committee. A few more donations have been received. They are still working on an Indiana Historical Society Grant. An Indiana Landmark Grant for \$3,000 was discussed. Dave wants to touch base with Dan Lake on that grant. The next meeting is unknown at this time.

There were four Military Banners purchased for the year 2025: 1) James Strahl, 2) Paul Bailey, 3) Nate Showalker 4) Gary McCloud.

ARA Fund: Will revisit at the March meeting.

Street Cut Ordinance: Donna had talked to Dave about it, Matt wanted more in the ordinance like what the county has. After discussing, Matt agreed with what Dave has.

Community Crossing Matching Grant update: The Pearl Street project does not qualify for this grant. Reports on the condition of Pearl Street needed to be rated at a 5 or below and Pearl Street is at an 8, making it ineligible for the grant. The project has been changed to replace North Street. 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. That has been submitted. This grant would be awarded in March or April. INDOT needs a resolution approving President Donna Watson as an official signer for this grant. The council approved.

Donna and Barb did a virtual call with E-Scribe, to learn what they offer to live stream our meetings. The cost for them to do our meeting was \$6,000 plus the town would have to purchase the equipment above that. It was discussed that the town would look at other options. There was a discussion. Mike Spilker has several ideas on this matter. He is willing to work with town on this. Barb and Donna will contact Mike on the equipment needed.

Community Building men's restroom toilet paper holder and repainting of the north wall in main area was discussed. Chad Harper, with Harper Home Service, submitted an estimate for doing the work. The cost of the restroom is \$135.00, and the cost of the painting on the north wall is \$873.00, totaling \$1,008.00. He also submitted an estimate for restroom at \$135.00 and painting all interior walls for \$2,260.00 totaling \$3,729.00. Rene motioned to approve \$1,008.00 doing the restroom and north wall, Mark second.

Snow removal was discussed. The clerk will get an updated description of the job. Dustin Strahl turned in his invoice for snow plowing. The council approved the invoice. Becky commented that Dustin did a great job.

Donna asked if there were any updates from the task sheet. None at this time.

Fire Department Report: No report.

Marshal report: No major incidents to report. Chris and Greg worked together to fill in some potholes. Chris stated that there were two areas that would take more than the Hole-patch to repair; County Road 525 W and at the top of the hill on 450 S were discussed, Mark will look into it.

Sign In List was checked, two citizens to speak.

- 1) Becky Rhea: Isabella with The Republican Newspaper is wanting to start a new program where the towns can provide a few sentences, in our own words, about what we are working on right now in our town. This is something that would be done on a monthly basis. The council approved Becky to work with the newspaper.
- 2) Mike Spilker: Mike is concerned about the brightness of the Mill Creek West sign. He stated that he has contacted the school with the reply of "We will let somebody know." Nothing has happened to change it. He is looking for help to get it toned down. Becky confirms that it is bright. Council and Chris will look into it.

New Business:

Retaining Matt Burkert as town attorney was discussed. Mark motioned to approve Matt with the \$2,400.00 retainer, Rene second.

The Clerk, Barb, would like approval to attend the ILMCT training on March 16th-20th in Plainfield. The cost is \$450 for the week. Rene motioned to approve, Mark second.

Newsletter: It is Mark's quarter for the newsletter. It will go out in April.

Becky stated that the Hendricks County Bicentennial closing ceremony was nice. The Hendricks County Bicentennial Legacy Project is being created at the W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park. They are asking for sponsorship. One way is to sponsor a tree for \$250.00, this was discussed. Mark motioned to approve, Rene second.

The Comcast project was discussed.

Becky will post on Facebook as "information only" about the Hendricks County Youth Program.

Pestway Company came out today to look at the Interurban bird problem. They took a video and some pictures of the Interurban and Rene is waiting to hear back. There was a discussion. Donna would like to get some spike strips on the porch. The clerk will look into cost.

Next meeting is March 6th.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

3-6-25 Date

Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay