

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2026**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 2 Council Members, 1 Council Member, Donna Watson, (remote), Deputy Marshall, Communication Director, Clerk, and 5 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. Mark motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Donna second. Minutes approved and signed.

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

Old Business:

Attorney report: No report.

Park update provided by Dustin Strahl: The Easter Egg Hunt Event was a success. The park board hid 955 eggs filled with candy and toy treats. Total expenses for the event was \$252.50. Five golden eggs for special baskets for each age group were also hidden. The five gift baskets were donated and \$50.00 in donations was collected. It took about 30 minutes to hide the eggs and about 9 minutes for the kids to find them. It was a cold day but had a fun time. For tonight's meeting, the park board explored the trail eastside to westside. Discussed future projects to work toward, picnic tables, concrete and basketball goal. Board asks council, if a basketball goal was donated, would they approve setting it up behind the town garage for now, after checking on insurance. Clerk will check on insurance. Next meeting May 7th at 6:00p.m.

Fire Department report: Department received the old police car from the town and is doing some maintenance on it. Department appreciates the council donating it to them. Information, this is to be a dry weekend just be careful of burning sticks and leaves. This will be the 75th Fish Fry, would like to ask the town for a donation for fireworks and bingo. This was discussed. Last year the town gave \$2,000 to fireworks and \$400 to bingo. Mark motioned to approve of doing the same this year, Donna second. Dustin talked about the Cascade Fire Cadet Program. Amo, Coatesville, Stilesville, and Liberty Fire Departments work together. Currently now Amo has three students in the program. The participates work in a monthly training program. Great group of kids. Area 31 also has a fire program.

Police report: Report provided by Dave Gunn: No major events to report. The flashing light by the school went out and had a part that needed repaired. Traffic Control Products completed the repair for a total of \$65.00, approved. Reminder May 16th town clean up day. 9:00-2:00.

Sign In Sheet was checked, two to speak.

Jason and Melissa Richey: The Richey's have concerns about East Main Street. Their question: Is it true that the town of Amo is vacating East Main Street? Rene stated that it is under discussion. The Richys wanted answers and to let the council know why it shouldn't be done. Jason mentioned different options that might work for both sides. Melissa stated that she just wants their side to be heard. The discussion will be taken under advisement.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The museum committee met this afternoon. They discussed an open house sometime in June. Will extend the hours, one Saturday a month, starting on June 6th, 12:00-3:00. Will see how that works out. David and Marion Phillips donated a cabinet to the museum. Author Scott Baker Sweney will be at the Interurban on April 18th from 1:00-3:00 for his book signing. Becky and her sisters have purchased 4 of his books to have signed and then donate to the Reading Room. Still getting donations. Next meeting is May 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Donna is looking into the Indiana Humanity Mini Grant; it has to do with history.

Newsletter will go out at the end of next week.

Community Building Flooring update: The refinishing project of the floor will start June 28th and be done by July 4th.

Cascade High School Junior Giveback Day report provided by Barb Strahl: There will be 8 juniors coming to help out in Amo. Some will help Kelsey Freeman at the Community Building deep clean the table and some will help Barb Strahl and Gena Wicks plant flowers in the town flowerpots. Becky Rhea is coordinating with Mr. Shafer for the town to participate in this.

CCMG update: There was a pre-construction meeting with John, the contractor, and Rene, on March 24th, to discuss the project. They went over how things would be done. They checked to see where they could set up their equipment. The start date has not been set at this time.

Donna spoke to Chris about upgrading two more radios this year. The cost will be \$2,000.00. Chris will work on.

The light at the Interurban has been ordered, still working on.

New Business

Tox-A-Way Day is May 2nd from 8:00-1:00 at the Hendricks County Fair Grounds.

Town Clean up Day is May 16th 9:00-2:00. Denney Excavating agreed to do (3) 40-yard roll-off dumpsters for \$495.00 each. Mark motioned to approve, Donna second.

Cascade FFA Educational Opportunities donations were discussed. Council would like to help with the Husqvarna Forestry Hard Hats, donating the \$299.88 needed for them. Mark motioned to approve, Donna seconded.

SBOA March 20th, bulletin, is about fund raiser accounts and how they should be handled. Barb will look into better.

An email from Becky about Amo Classic Week was discussed. It is too late for Amo this year, maybe next year. Becky responded back and they will contact us next year.

July 9th Council Meeting is changed to July 16th.

Barb will attend a budget training meeting on April 12th at the Plainfield Library.

Senate Bill 210, new rules for township mergers, not sure if this will affect us.

Mark can't be at next month's meeting.

Mark had a citizen (Jessie Minton) ask about two trees on town right-of-away. They are concerned about them falling on their home. This was discussed. Mark will contact Artistic Touch Tree Service to look at them.

Mark had a conversation with Matt Liles about his property at the 4-way stop. He asked what he would take for the property for the town to purchase. He would like \$2,000.00; Mark will write up the paperwork.

Chad Harper fixed the Post Office door.

Clerk would like approval to get quote from IT company, One Choice, from Danville, for the town to check if that is something that would benefit us. Approved.

Next meeting is May 7th.

Bank Statements signed.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

5-7-26 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks

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