

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2024**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Communication Director, Clerk, and 2 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Under our new procedures the minutes of the August 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. 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:

Park Planning Committee update provided by Rene. Discussed the possibility of a shelter house and where to place it. Also, discussed removing the town garage and putting in a pickleball and basketball court. The next Park meeting is October 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Ordinance Number 2024-06 was discussed. This is to create a Department of Parks and Recreation Board. The board will consist of four members with rotating terms. The ordinance was approved and signed.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky. The museum will be open during the car show. They will have T-shirts for sale. The shirts are a fund raiser for the museum. Not sure what the cost of the shirts will be at this time. Becky had purchased a laptop and has now got it set up. She will be working to organize items being donated to the museum and get them on the laptop inventory. Things are moving along nicely. Donations are still coming in. The cost of the shirts was \$1185.00 and was approved. Next meeting is September 17th at 4:30.

Amo First Baptist Church Car Show is September 21st. Donna would like approval for \$50 for a Marshal basket, \$50 for a raffle basket to donate to the church and \$50 to make 2 baskets for the Reading Room, totaling \$150.00, and a \$5 leeway in case she goes over. Mark motioned to approve, Rene second.

September 11th Dinner was a heartfelt event. Not too many citizens attended but those who did very much appreciated it. Thanks to all that helped. Donations were collected in the amount of \$244.00. It was discussed whether it needed to be advertised differently next year. Comments were decided it was well published.

Mowery Service Agreement was discussed. It is a 2-year agreement, to stay the same as before. Rene motioned to approve, Mark second. Donna will take care of signing the new agreement.

Donna is down to \$284.00 in her budget for Halloween candy and treats. Halloween hours for this year are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Update Task List

Dumpster discussed. At this time, the town will keep the dumpster located in the same spot. The Community Building Rental Agreement will be updated to reflect this location.

Marshal Report: Chris had responded to a bad accident at 600 S and ST RD 75. The reserve vehicle had an oil change done at D & D. If anyone inquires about the Carter Garage, Chris Carter is cleaning up the property and so there are some vehicles being moved around. Chris would also like to thank everyone for the 9/11 dinner. Donna questioned Chris about the Pursuit Policy on whether the officers sign off on being trained on it. Chris said they don't necessarily sign off on it, they are familiar with it, the State of Indiana has gone to a standardized

policy regarding vehicle issue, use of force and physical tactics. Chris reassured the board that his guys are definitely in tune with the policy that is in place. He stated that last year's pursuit policy was written into state law and that we were covered.

Fire Department Report: Tornado siren is out of service due to a power surge at dispatch last Friday. They are working on a fix at this time. May or may not go off tomorrow for Friday test. Waiting for the installation date for the new tornado siren. Will be located north of the fish fry building, by our power pole already there. We will be closing down Pearl Street on Friday, September 20th around midnight for the car show on September 21st. Thank you to the town for the 9/11 dinner, it was very good.

Would like a cabinet at the Community Building for storage of town supplies. This was discussed, Clerk will look into.

The Sign-In list was checked, no one to speak.

New Business:

Donna will be attending the AIM Summit in October 8-10.

The Resource Guide is out.

2025-2026 Military Banner Project was discussed. The Council approved to participate in this next year.

The Cascade FFA would like a donation this year, Rene motioned to approve \$250.00, Mark second.

The town received a Thank You from the Backpack Ministry for their donation.

September is National Voter Registration Month.

Donna would like to purchase business cards for the town and for Halloween, Mark motioned to approve, Rene second.

November Town Board Meeting changed to Wednesday, November 6th.

Resolution #2024-05 to transfer \$92.60 from General Fund to Opioid Fund was signed.

Next meeting is October 3rd.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

10-3-24 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024
Budget Public Hearing**

Town of Amo held its 2025 Budget Public Hearing with 2 Council Members and Clerk present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

The 2025 budget was discussed. There were no questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

10-3-24 Date

Rene Gay Rene Gay

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

TOWN OF AMO

MINUTES

September 19, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting was called to order with 3 Board Members, Communication Director and 4 Citizens present. The Clerk was not present but listened on a call to Mark Wicks' phone.

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Watson informed the Board that the Mowery contract for commercial service to the 3 buildings has been signed. Everyone was given information on what it covers and the price break down.


A comment form was submitted by Watson from Ed Smyth on drainage. Mark Wicks had previously brought up the problem at the Budget Hearing. Watson informed the Board that Dave Kieser will look into this and get back to the Board. He felt if no flooding is occurring at drain that the elevation is correct. Also, if the pipe has damage, we need to repair it, but it could just be settling.

The next business was discussion on purchasing a property that goes up for sale the next day (Friday, September 20, 2024) on a tax sale. It is 4962 Vine Street and is the Chris Mitchell property. Rene made a motion to bid on property. Donna seconded it. 3 blank cards were given out to the Board to get an idea on amount for us to pay. The first attempt had 3 different amounts but second try, 2 amounts matched. The Board felt it was a good start to acquire this property and agreed they wanted this property for a park. A discussion followed and citizens gave their opinions.

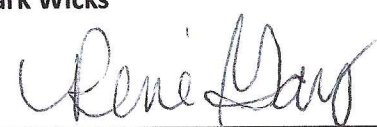
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Watson



Mark Wicks



Rene Gay

10-3-24