

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 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 2 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 February 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.

Aaron Reed with Garage Force provided a presentation and was there to answer any questions on the proposed floor covering for the Community Building. This was discussed; it is a three-layer system with a five-year warranty. It would take 4-5 days to do and at least 48 hours with no traffic on it. Total cost would be \$22,260.00, with maybe \$5,000.00 down. Mark motioned to approve, Donna second.

Old Business:

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The museum committee met this afternoon. They went through pictures and newspaper articles that were donated. I did not get any feedback on Facebook about expanding the hours of the museum. However, they did talk about expanding hours on Saturday 10-3, with taking turns covering. Still have several items to go through. Still getting donations. Next meeting April 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Fire Department report: Helped Mark Belford with repairs on the cemetery flagpole. Worked a field fire with weather dry and windy. Council signed the 2026 fire contract. Dustin reported that the department would accept the offer of the old police car with the understanding that there will be no increase in the 2027 fire contract with the town in exchange for the car.

Park update provided by Dustin Strahl: Working on grants. Looking at 2026 events, one event a quarter to work on funding. No meeting in February. Meeting on April 9th at 5:00 p.m. at park property was to go over future plans, talk about what their plans are so they can get on paper for council what they want to work on in future and a financial plan to go along with it. Event coming up, Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th, at trail head, at 9:00 a.m. for pre-K to 6th grade kids. Will get eggs with candy and prizes for 5 age groups. Asked the Council to help pay for supplies. Asked for up to \$500.00. Mark motioned to approve, Donna second.

Police Report: Report provided by Dave Gunn: Tagged one abandoned vehicle that was parked in front of a resident along roadway. Several attempts were made to have the vehicle removed. Assisted with one disable vehicle and located a missing dog. Check measurement for citizens to have chickens, as noted, a resident is not permitted to have any type of fowl or livestock within 200 feet of a neighboring residence. The flashing lights for the school have been malfunctioning. The one at the church has been fixed and the other is waiting on parts. Chris is still working on updating town ordinances and department policy. There have been complaints about dogs roaming free. Residents should be reminded that it is unlawful to allow their animals to roam at large. This is unsafe for animals as well as the community. Town Clean up Day is May 16th, 9-2.

Attorney report: No report.

Sign In Sheet was checked, one to speak.

Becky Rhea: Cascade High School Junior Class Give Back Day is Friday April 10th, this is an event where junior students come to help with different projects. Becky gave a list of possible projects:

- 1) Clean Town of Amo stairs going to Police Office
- 2) Deep clean Community Building tables
- 3) Cemetery/Mark Belford & Mike Brown
- 4) Plant flowers
- 5) Walk streets for trash

This was discussed on whether the council wanted to participate in this event. The town would have to provide supplies for this event. Mark motioned to approve, Donna second. Clerk will get supplies.

Donna gave an update on the recycling center at Coatesville that is through Hendricks County Community Foundation. They fund it so local residents that don't have curbside recycling can use. Coatesville Fire Department handles the bins and reports any issues to the foundation, for this they receive \$1,200.00. Last year they spent \$43,000 to provide the recycling in Coatesville. This looks like something Amo is not going to be able to do, cost is too high. Becky Rhea also did research on recycling bins. The following companies do not provide recycling bins: Jack's Trash, Indy Waste, Doll's, Republic and TJ's. She was referred to Jerry Johnson in Coatesville. They use Walden Enterprises, the cost is \$875.00/month for 1 bin and \$1,750.00/month for 2 bins, additional pick ups would be \$175.00, there is a one-year contract. This was discussed, not going to do.

CCMG update: There will be a pre-construction meeting with John the contractor, and Rene, on March 24th, to discuss the project. How things are to work, work with the residents in that area and how to get paid. Check to see where they are going to set up their equipment.

Greg fixed the door at the Post Office.

New Business

Mowery Contract was discussed. New contract at Post Office is annual amount of \$509.60, Community Building annual amount \$680.00 and Interurban annual amount \$647.90. Mark motioned to approve, Donna second.

Mill Creek Water Shed meeting is Monday, March 9th at Community Building, at 10:00 a.m. Kerry Keifer cannot make meeting. Donna gave him dates for this year's meetings. He will try to make next meeting.

Vacate of east Main Street was mentioned. Matt (town attorney) sent email to the council members to view. Donna asked the council if they received the email and had read, she didn't know if they wanted to proceed with that and need to bring it up and see what step is next. If you guys want to proceed Donna will see what they need to do next. Rene stated that she read and thinks that is what they should do. Mark has not had a chance to read yet. Tabled for now.

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. Matt said to make an offer. This was discussed. Mark motioned to offer \$1,000.00 for property, Donna second. Mark will talk to Matt about it.

Next meeting is April 9th.

Bank Statements signed.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

4-9-26 Date

Donna Watson

 Mark Wicks

 Rene Gay