

**Amo Town Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 16, 2026**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Deputy Marshall, Communication Director, Handyman, Clerk, and 1 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:01 p.m.

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

The minutes of the June 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, Mark second. Minutes approved and signed.

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

Sign-In Sheet was checked, no one to speak.

Community Building floor update provided by Rene Gay: Council would like to thank everyone for all the help with the removal and return of the tables, chairs, and misc. items that had to be moved for the floor resurfacing, (Kevin Gay, Tyson Myrick, Charles Rust, Carter Strahl, Grayden Ellett). Donna motioned to give Carter Strahl and Grayden Ellett \$50.00 each for the extra help they provided, Mark second.

Attorney Report: No report.

Park update provided by Becky Rhea: Dustin will meet with Hendricks County Park and Recreation to see where cement slab can be located for the picnic tables. The tables are in and ready to be put together. Park board is thinking around the Future Park sign. Next meeting is August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

Museum update provided by Becky Rhea: Still receiving donations. Lana Albright donated some plates with area items pictured on them, some that the museum already had, the extras will be for sale to the public. Becky is working on the filing. David Phillips has found some items on eBay; postcards and matchbooks. Planning an Open House for October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed to ask the council to approve to pay Kelsey to work the open house, Donna motioned to approve Kelsey to work and pay her regular hourly pay, Mark second. Next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Fire Department report: Report provided by Dustin Strahl: The Fish Fry was another tremendous success and one of our biggest years yet. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the Town residents who volunteered, helped promote the event, or simply came out to support and enjoy the festival. The success of the Fish Fry would not be possible without the dedication of our community members, Cascade Youth League parents and coaches, and the members of the Amo Fire Department. Thank you to everyone. There has been a slight delay in completing the Fish Fry T-shirt order, but we are actively working on this. Dustin reported that Andy Gibbs has relocated to Texas, to

be near his wife's family. We appreciate his years of dedicated service to the department and wish him and his family all the best. With that happening, the Assistant Chief position became vacant. Nathan Bayliss has been elected as our new Assistant Chief. There has been a new EMT added to the department and another member is preparing to take the National Registry EMT examination.

Police report: Report provided by Dave Gunn: Two vehicles behind the Community Building were tagged for abandonment. Contact was made with the owner who had them removed. An inventory of the street signs needed was conducted. We need 10 Yield signs, 6 street sign lock caps, 6 street sign top lock cross and 1 Caution, Blind Crossing sign, for the School Street to Pearl Street. Total quote \$638.00. Donna motioned to approve \$700.00, Mark second. Police vehicle needs tires before winter; Dave will get quote. Ford needs oil change.

Handyman report provided by Mark Belford: Small entry door on north side of Police garage is broken. This was discussed; Mark will look into replacing. Mark had Ryan Reach look at the garage doors on Pearl Street. The one on the southside would cost \$250.00 to fix and the one on the northside \$675.00 to \$1,000.00 to fix. Donna motioned to approve to have these fixed, Mark Wicks second. The spike strips are installed at the Interurban, but the birds can still get in the corners. Vine Street building discussed.

Vine Street Property update: There have been 5 trips to clean up cars so far. Donna will check back with them to see if they are done. Received \$1,000.00 from this cleanup, Donna motioned to donate to the Park Department, Mark second.

Summer Storytime is every Wednesday, at the shelter house. Becky reported the town provided lunch on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, that Kelsey read to the kids. Her theme was Christmas in July, with Santa included. Had a good turnout.

#### Old Business:

Trees on Pearl Street are done. The stump needs a little more work.

Mark is still working on the stormwater drainage, fire station, and alley. It was discussed that the Vine Street property needs looked at also.

Donna is still working on mural for downtown area.

Mark Belford needs a sprayer for weed killer, this was discussed, he will get. He is also working on the cold patch tamper.

Newsletter update: Becky will get with Rene for proofing, then get to Spectrum.

Handyman Policy: Council and Handyman (Mark Belford) approved and signed.

School parking spot was discussed to paint corner curb yellow; Mark Belford will take care of this.

Becky asked if Mark Belford could be in charge of the outside flag at the Community Building, council approved.

Becky contacted Tim Baldwin for the letter he requested to be put in the next newsletter.

New Business:

AIM Conference is at the end of September-October approval for Council Members, Clerk, Communication Director to attend if able, Donna motioned to approve, Mark second, Next meeting is August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Town of Amo  
2027 Budget Meeting**

Town of Amo held its 2027 Budget Meeting with 3 Council Members, Clerk and 1 Citizen present. The meeting started at 7:50 p.m.

The budget was discussed. Council and Clerk went over each Fund and Appropriation and discussed any changes that they felt needed to be made.

Donna and Barb will attend the MUST meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Bank Statements and Bills were signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

8-6-26 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay