

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2025**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 1 Council Member, Donna Watson remote, 2 Council Members, Marshal, Attorney, Communication Director, Clerk, and 6 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the April 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. Rene motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Donna second. Minutes approved and signed.

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

Old Business:

Park Board update provided by Dustin Strahl: They reviewed the Park Plan and had some updates; Dan Lake will be at the June meeting to go over the plan. The banners were discussed; the museum banner will go on the east side of Pearl Street and the park banner will go on the west side of Pearl Street. There was a discussion on finances and donations. The fund will have to have appropriations to be able to spend the funds, those can be set up in either next year's budget or add additional appropriation this year, will decide later. Dustin asked for approval to set up a Park Donation Fund, Donna motioned to approve Park Donation Fund, Mark second. Approved. A separate checking account for the park was discussed. Donna motioned to approve Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasure to open an account at NSSB for the park donations, Rene second. Approved.

Attorney report: No report.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: A booth at the Amo Fish Fry, for the museum and park was discussed. The cost is \$50, Donna motioned to approve, Rene second. The shed location was discussed. It needs to be 30 feet from the center of Railroad Street. Rene motioned Board on banners. The banners will be two-sided, the park logo on one side and trail on the other side and museum on one side and town logo on the other side. The committee is asking for approval to purchase a desk for Kelsey and a cabinet for \$400. Donna motioned to approve, Rene second. Becky stated that they know they have been asking for money but that's what it takes to get this museum going. Thanks for everything. Also, thanks to Gina and Mark for putting the shirts in the Amo General Store. ~~at The Cup & Core~~

Donna is reaching out to INDOT, and they told her about the Park Plan Transportation enhance Program. One is about historic preservation and establishing a museum. Hoping they can get some assistance in the museum for both areas (Interurban & Amo History). Also learn other ways to get money to help.

Community Crossing Matching Grant update provided by Donna: It is moving right along. Received information on project, ready to move forward.

Pestway bird proofing at Interurban update: Still working on Interurban building and will be back on Monday.

Bug Daddy update: Terminix has been cancelled, and Bug Daddy starts in May.

Reminder that the AIM conference is October 21, 22, 23 in French Lick. It was discussed to have Becky Rhea included in the conference, Donna motioned to approve, Rene second, approved.

Rene, Mark, Becky and Barb attended the public hearing at the Government Center for the Richey property, for an ADU variance.

Barb is working with Travis at TDS to see if there are any discounts available to the town.

Fish Fry donations were discussed. Rene motioned to donate \$2,000 for fireworks, \$400 for half on coverall each night of bingo and \$300 in gift cards totaling \$2,700, Donna second. Approved.

Reach Alert was discussed. It will cost \$2.50 per household, having 135 households plus an FCC fee of \$36.00 totaling \$373.50 yearly. The first year will be half price. This is a general way to communicate with the citizens. The administrators will be the police department, Chris, the fire department, Dustin and the town, Donna. Rene motioned to move forward, Donna second.

The Community Building purchased two new refrigerators, one of the old ones was trash and the other one was donated to the Stilesville Fire Department.

The town donated (4) 2-cubic yards of soil to "Beautify Amo" on May 9th.

Task list update: none.

Fire Department report: Dustin discussed what type of alert system Danville has. The fire contract was signed, there was a typing error in the one presented early in the year. Fish Fry is a month away, June 5, 6, 7.

Sign In Sheet was checked 4 citizens to speak.

- 1) Mike Spilker: The live streaming was discussed. Donna motioned to spend up to \$1,500.00 on 2 cameras, 2 microphones, tripods, cables and anything else needed, Rene second. Barb will work with Mike to get this done.
- 2) Joe Starks: Asked when the live stream starts. July 1st is the start date.
- 3) Mike Brown: 1) What happened at the Richey hearing? This was discussed, 2-year permit to build the main house. 2) When is comcast going to fix ruts in alley by his garage. Mark took pictures of properties that need fixed, waiting to hear back from them. 3) Has the Amo Baptist Church car show been approved? Yes
- 4) Mark Belford: Mark asked if the town would purchase a flag for the Amo Cemetery. Rene motioned to purchase flag, Donna second.

Marshal report: Camera at the Interurban is frozen, Mark will look into. The accident at the tree in front of Dustin Strahl's house was a domestic violence issue and the county is handling it. May 17th is town cleanup day and Chris is asking for approval for the town to purchase pizza for the volunteers, Donna motioned to spend up to \$60 for pizzas and drinks for volunteers, Rene second. Mike Spilker thanked Chris for his help during the bad weather.

New Business:

Compassion Box report: The Compassion Box was put out for the Garrison family, \$25.00 was collected. A wind chime for \$36.90 was purchased for the family. Town received a thank you from the family.

Tox Away Day is May 3rd at the Hendricks County Fair Grounds from 8am-1pm.

The CIBA Gear Up bike ride would like to use the Vandalia trail head as a rest stop on May 10th, from 9am to 12 pm. The council approved; Becky will notify them of approval.

Donna let Mark know that there are new pages to be added to his new elected pamphlet book. This shows all the changes that were made for this year.

The clerk would like to do the Annual Budget e-workshop put on by AIM, on May 14th the cost is \$50.00. Donna motioned to approve, Rene second.

New Town of Amo logo is being digitized.

Next meeting is June 12th.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

6-12-25 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay