

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Dave Gunn (for Marshall), Attorney, Communication Director, Clerk, and 3 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

New council elections were held tonight. Donna nominated Rene Gay to be the 2026 Council President, Mark second. Donna nominated Mark Wicks to be 2026 President Pro Tem, Rene second. The Council for 2026 will be Rene Gay, Council President, Mark Wicks, President Pro Tem, and Donna Watson, Council Member.

Old Business:

Park Board update provided by Brian Williams: They had their first meeting of 2026 tonight. With the new year the Park Board Officers were set. Park Board asked the Council to reelect Melissa Allison to a term of 4 years on park board, Donna motion to approve, Mark second. The Park Board Officers for 2026 are Dustin Strahl, President, Becky Rhea, Vice President, Brian Williams, Secretary, Gina Wicks and Melissa Allison Members. They discussed the Vine Street property and different plans for it. A survey on what the property could be used for was done as part of the park plan. Brian wanted to know if the property had a land survey done on it. One has not been done at this time. Donna wants to look into a couple grants, things that could help with the property. She will get back to park board on that. Becky is looking into a grant with the Indiana Arts Commission also. Next meeting February 5th.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The museum committee did not meet this evening. The framed picture of the Cascade Football team is done and ready to present to the team. Still have shirts for sale. Next meeting is February 5th.

CCMG update: Donna signed "Letter of Agreement" to have Keiser Consulting handle the grant. The cost is \$5,300.00. Council approved Project is East Street to Church Street to Walnut Street. The bids will be opened at the February 5th meeting.

Community Building deep cleaning is in progress.

Interurban deep cleaning was discussed; it is in progress.

Salary Ordinance 2026-01 was discussed and signed.

Task Sheet Update:

Rene is meeting with Aaron, on Saturday, about refinishing the Community Building floor.

Cascade football donation had been tabled since last month, they have met their goal.

Cascade Care Closet was discussed. Donna motioned to donate \$500.00, Mark second. Clerk will get check to Mark to present to Bayli Cline with Cascade Care Closet.

Fire Department Report: Christmas lights are down. Fire contract is ready to be signed.

Police Report: Dave Gunn stated that one abandoned vehicle had been tagged, that vehicle is already gone.

Attorney Report: Closing the end of Main Street was mentioned. Matt is looking into. Retainer for 2026 was discussed, Donna motioned to approve, Mark second. Will stay the same (\$2,400.00).

Sign In Sheet was checked, no one to speak.

Aim Conference update: Donna's Workshops she attended:

- 1) Data Collection for SEA-1
- 2) Roundtable for towns under 1000
- 3) Planning for Rural Communities
- 4) Public Safety Programs
- 5) Community Art Strategies
- 6) Road Funding after 2025 Legislative Session
- 7) Cut Energy Cost Programs

Donna forgot to let Chris know to send the white police car to auction, she will get in touch with him.

Water Shed Meeting: Kerry Keifer attended. It's more about the water that runs through Mill Creek, which runs through his property. He likes being on that committee.

New Business:

Barb will check on town dumpster with Waste Management; our contract is up in April.

Cascade Post Prom 2026 would like a donation, Donna motioned to donate \$200.00, Mark second.

Kieser Consulting Group does the town website, Donna motioned to approve the cost of \$500.00, Mark second.

The Asset Pavement Plan is complete, approved to pay final \$800.00. Pearl Street did get graded to a 5 which would make it eligible for CCMG in the future.

Duke left information about trimming trees on 500 S, this was discussed, Mark will look into.

Resolutions to move appropriations were signed:

Resolution #2025-18

Resolution #2025-19

Resolution #2025-20

Clerk took extra appropriations and made two loan payments on the Vine Street property.

Next meeting is February 5th.

Bank Statements signed.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

2-5-24 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay