

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2023**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members present, Marshall, Attorney, Communication Director, Custodian, Handyman, Clerk, Dan Lake with Kieser Consulting Group, and 14 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:03 p.m. Minutes of the March 9th meeting were read. Changes were made as follow: date changed to March 9, spelling of Brian Stephenson and Kerry Kiefer's name corrected and the sentence "Cindy is looking for the records on who installed the current door as to who will be responsible for replacing this door." was added to Donna's statement about the Post Office door. Donna motioned to accept minutes with correction made and statement about Post Office added, Rene second, minutes approved and signed.

Capital Improvement Plan: Dan Lake with Kieser Consulting Group present a report and first draft of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan to the Council. Dan wants the committee to go over the project list to make sure it covers all the projects that they have talked about in their meetings. What they plan for and what they budget for in the next five years. Just try to make sure that all the projects that you have planned for are listed. This Plan is important when applying for grants to show that you have already been planning for those projects. Then, once you ok the plan, we will finalize the draft and get that back to you. Donna will get a copy of the draft to the committee to go over.

Broadband Readiness Plan: ^{Donna} Becky gave a report on the Broadband Readiness Plan. The committee has been working on a survey, Dan Lake will prepare the survey. It will go out next week. The survey is anonymous and will be opened, and read, only by Dan with Kieser Consulting Group. There will be 13 questions that will help get information to see what our needs are in the community. The survey will only go to the citizens that live within the town limits. Some of the questions are what type of internet you currently have, cost, how satisfied are you with your current internet, what type of internet (residence, business, other), what speed do you have, are just a few samples. The survey will have a self-address enveloped enclosed for return or can be dropped off at the Amo General Store. Would like the surveys returned within two weeks. Donna wants to let everybody know that the information collected will not be shared. The town is looking to see if there is an internet provider that is affordable for everybody. It is very important to return your survey to obtain an accurate result. A citizen asks what provider the town is going to go with? Dan said there are already several providers for the town so we will look at all the options to see what is available and what is best for the town. This is a study to determine what the best options would be. Kieser Consulting Group will compile the information from the surveys and present it to the committee.

Attorney: No report.

Marshal: No major events. Post Office outside mailbox got hit, one speeding violation, and school traffic pattern discuss. Chris received a letter from the school that he describes as "extending an olive branch" to get ahead of any issues of the parking and pickup of students on the southside of the school. He said he wasn't aware of any issues and no issues have been brought to his attention. There was an ongoing discussion about the school's pickup and drop off rules, and about how those rules were and were not being followed. Chris stated it was more of a school issue than a town board issue.

Donna asked Chris about the missing street sign on Walnut Street, Doug said it was back up. Not sure who put it back up but done.

Chris talked to the owner of the car on the town property, and he will be moving it.

The sign at School and Pearl got hit by a lawn mower and is now in the town garage.

Chris said there was several poles and signs in the garage. Chris asked if an inventory could be taken of the signs that need to be replaced.

A citizen had a question as to why there is a T sign at the north end of Pearl, on the way out of town to Danville. It was put there years ago so people would know to turn.

Chris is still working on updating the ordinances with American Legal.

Fire Chief: No report.

Handyman: Greg turned in no hours for March.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 14.25 hours for custodian and 13 hours for scheduling, totaling 27.25 hours for March. She gave the clerk \$425.00 for March payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 5.5 hours for Resource Guide and 1 hour for Facebook, totaling 6.5 hours for March. The newsletter will be out next week.

Reading Room Clerk: Lisa turned in 28 hours for March. She turned in \$3.00 in book sales.

Donna stated that Kelsey Freeman approached her after the last meeting to let her know she was interested in the Reading Room Clerk position. That is when Donna reached out to the board to let them know she was interested. Donna made a recommendation to hire Kelsey as the new Reading Room Clerk at \$14.00 per hour. After there was no objection, Donna made a motion to hire Kelsey, Rene second.

Old Business:

Post Office Brick: Brian Miller will take care of.

Interurban Windows: Dave Kieser still working on.

Post Office Door: Town received a letter stating we failed to complete repairs in a timely manner, so it will be turned over to a third party. Donna sent a response to the Post Office on April 2nd stating it was not quite fair and equitable that the Post Office expected the Town of Amo to be fully responsible for replacing a door that the Post Office had originally installed. At this time there has been no response from the Post Office.

Drainage Ditch: Brian Stephenson has completed the work. Another tree has fallen, so he will come back and clean it up also.

Downtown Revitalization Plan: Dave Kieser still working on.

Richey Annexation: Jason and Matt are still working on it.

Museum Committee: Donna talked with Ron about the museum after the last meeting and explained she didn't know he had talked to so many people already and would like to step aside and let him take the lead on the museum project. Donna passed on her information to Becky that she has collected over the years.

Drain in front of church is ongoing.

RAILS: Donna deposited \$13.00. She used \$50.00 from account for gift card for Lisa Brown

Town Clean Up Day is May 20th. We will be using Jack's Trash this year.

National Vietnam Veterans Day notification was displayed at the Post Office.

Light pole by Rene is still not fixed.

Interurban Chimney: Donna got a quote for a basic cap at \$1,400.00, and a tip and ridge price of \$2,400.00. Donna had more questions, so she is still working on.

Donna signed up to run for town council.

Museum Committee: Next meeting April 17th. Committee members are Ron Travelsted, Darrell Mynatt, Dave Phillips, Tom Underwood, Maureen Jackson, Becky Rhea, and Darlene Miller. A man came from Danville to talk about what is needed to be a museum.

New Business:

No bank statements.

Hendricks County Siren: no update.

The town was contacted by Mill Creek School Corporation to participate in the Non-profit, Mill Creek Schools Census. This is a program to do with grants. Donna will get more information on this.

The town received an email from Alexa Davis asking for the Town of Amo to do a Proclamation for the Hendricks County Pride. The board discussed and agreed to decline. Donna will get back with them.

This year's AIM conference is at French Lick on August 21st-23rd.

The alley beside Bobby Bray old house needs looked at. Ron and Greg will look at it.

Ron will talk to Mark Wicks about the alley behind the store.

Pastor Shelly put a ^{Compassion} Passion Box out for Chris Mitchell.

Next meeting is May 11th.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

5-11-23 Date

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Donna Watson

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