

**Amo Town Board  
Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2023**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshall, Attorney, Communication Director, Handyman, Clerk, Janet Beam, with The Republican Newspaper and 11 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:01 p.m. Minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Correction was made to Communication Director's description of her hours and Website update was added. Also changed in item 4 on first page omitted the word "on" and in the Town Election paragraph: Donna would like to consider the county to go ahead and hold the election this year, not the convention. Donna motioned to accept the minutes with the changes, and Rene second, minutes approved and signed.

Dan Lake was present to speak about the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The 5-year plan covers 2023-2027. He went over the breakdown of the different projects and budgets that the plan covers. A park plan had been added to the plan. A 5-year Master Park Plan would give ideas on what the cost, the budget, funding available, different grants, and programs. The Capital Improvement Plan Steering Committee was Donna Watson, Cheri Bray, Becky Rhea, Gina Wicks, Dustin Strahl, and Jason Richey. A 5-year Master Park Plan was discussed. A Park Board would need to be established with a four-member steering committee. Kieser Consulting Group presented a Letter of Proposal to prepare a 5-year Master Park Plan for \$8,000, the funds are available in the ARA Fund. Donna opened the floor up for discussion, Jason Richey asked if they were going to finish a formal presentation of CIP before the adoption of the plan. Donna said yes, they could. Dan Lake went through each year of the plan and explained how and what the plan consists of. Several citizens agreed with the plan. The adoption the CIP, Resolution No. 2023-005 was approved by the Council, and signed by James Travelsted, Council President. Donna discussed the 5-year Master Park Plan again, thought it would be a good idea for the town, can use the ARA money, there would be steering committee and a Park Board. Donna made a motion to have Kieser Consulting Group do the 5-year Master Park Plan, Rene second.

Broadband Readiness Survey: The return of the surveys was 34.8%. When asked, most residents were willing to pay \$50 to \$75 for broadband services. Fiber Optic is used by 80.9% of those turned in with TDS as the only provider. Why are new companies not coming into Amo? Dan Lake will investigate franchise fees that Amo receives. That is the next step. One thing that we would like to see is better access to the internet at the Community Building and the Interurban. And, maybe get a couple of computers for the Reading Room. There will be a Public Meeting at 6:00 pm September 14<sup>th</sup>, an hour before the next town meeting to go over the surveys and the next steps.

Interurban Windows: Dave did say that in August he will be working on the replacement of the windows at the Interurban. He will also look at the door on the eastside.

Brian Stephenson will be working to fill in the dirt at the trailhead in the next couple weeks.

Downtown Facade: Donna is hoping to get some information at the convention.

Mike Brown had a question about the Historical Sign on the trail. He is concerned with the verbiage that people with think that the town is prejudiced. It is history, but he wants everyone to feel welcome. The council thanked him for his concern.

Attorney: No report.

Marshal: No major events. Bray property is being taken care of. Another property is in the same shape, has also been taken care of. Chris asked if he could purchase one flashing yellow light to place at the school. He had mentioned them at the April meeting. The cost is \$275.00 ea. There was a discussion and Donna motioned to have Chris purchase two Flashing yellow lights costing \$550.00, Rene second.

Chris will be doing an informational flyer on the responsibility of pet owners. He wants to remind everyone that the "go-to" is Animal Control in Hendricks County for animal problems.

If the dog is being aggressive call 911 to get help right away. Another thing: taking a photo helps a lot.

Fire Chief: Tornado siren update, Dustin has been working with Ray-Comm, the company installing the new siren County dispatch and county EMA. They are working on scheduling a site visit to make sure the new one can be placed on top of the Post Office where the old one is. If not, will be looking for a site that has power and a pole can be placed. At this time there is no extra charge, everything is included with the new siren.

Handyman: Greg turned in 23.5 hours for mowing and 6 hours working on water leak, totaling 29.5 hours for July. Turned in expenses totaling \$36.00 for hose connector and weed killer. Donna motioned to pay, Rene second. Greg mowed the Bray property; he will mow after it is reported again. Donna wants him to paint two more storm drains. Donna motioned to have him make 2 more picnic tables cost \$311.08 each, Rene second. The clerk will pay half now and the remaining balance when done. Greg will get the door and a flue cap painted, at the Interurban.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 12.75 hours for custodian and 11 hours for scheduling, totaling 23.75 hours for July. Attention needs to be brought to the Police Station stairway and bathroom; they both have mold due to the humidity; Ron will look at.

Kelsey has a special thanks to Becky for all her help. Thanks to Becky and Donna for getting the sink fixed. Cameron Plumbing fixed the sink at the Community Building on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 1 hour for Facebook, Website, MCSC Events & Information, various other information pertinent to the Town of Amo, 8.5 hours for Newsletter, .5 hour for email, 2 hours for Reading Room Clerk and 1.5 hours working on light bulbs for the Reading Room, totaling 13.5 hours for July.

Becky did a follow-up with Phil Strahl, of Kase Electric, this week. He is still waiting for light bulbs to come in.

Hendricks County Voter Registration Lease Agreement, to hold the November election at Amo, has been signed.

Becky gave the paperwork to Barb to file.

Becky received an email from Don Hodson, Business Development Analyst at Hendricks County Regional Health, that he will be at the next meeting.

Reading Room Clerk: Kelsey turned in 20 hours for July. Reading Room is going well and would like to thank Angel for planting the flowers.

Old Business:

Door at Post Office: Doug Wallace has someone looking into it.

ARA money: Donna provided a rundown of what is left (around \$32,000): \$4,995 on contract for broadband plan, \$8,000 for Park Plan, computers (?), service to hook up (?), \$1,375 for ditch and (2) picnic tables at \$312 ea.

Trees on Main Street and Vine Street are done.

Town election: County will hold November election.

Amo Republican Convention will be on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Shelter House

Thermostat cover for the Community Building: Barb was not able to find one to fit. Rene is going to look into it.

Cascade Middle School Sign: Chris needs bolts to install.

Museum Committee Update: Ron is working on it.

Hendricks County Emergency Management Cooling & Heating Spots: Rene set them up with Pastor Shelly at the Baptist Church.

Drain in front of Baptist Church: Ron is still working on; All the contractors that he has talked with are busy and have not gotten back with him yet.

Jason commented that he would like to see an easement drawn up so it is handled the way it should be.

Ball Diamond No Parking signs area were discussed. Greg needs to take care of.

Hendricks County Comprehensive Plan: They have had some public meetings but there is nothing else going on with it at this time.

AIM Conference: Donna will be attending, and Barb has decided to decline at this time.  
The conference will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at French Lick.

New Business:

No bank statement to sign.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Dinner will be 5-8.

Donna asked Dustin for a count of new flags that are needed so we can order American Legion flags.

Opioid Settlement: Estimated unrestricted for Amo of \$789, and abatement is \$1,788. Any town receiving under \$5,000, it will be sent to the county.

There was a discussion on a maintenance and service agreement with Mowery; the Post Office \$479.60, Community Building \$640.35, and the Interurban \$607.09; Donna motioned to approve and Rene second.

Next meeting is September 14<sup>th</sup>.


Bills signed.


Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

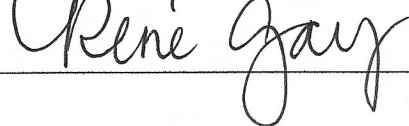
Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

9-14-23

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