

AMO TOWN BOARD
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2023

The Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council members, Marshal, Attorney, Communication Director, Janet Beam of THE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER and 7 citizens present. The meeting started at 7:01 PM.

Minutes of November 9th meeting were read. Spelling and grammar corrections were made. Rene made a motion to accept the Minutes with changes. Ron seconded, minutes approved and signed.

Pastor Shelly Zook spoke. The church thanked the town for their support of the 7th annual car show. Thanked police and fire for blocking streets and maintaining peace. Next year car show and approval of closing street will be September 21, 2024. Compassion Box report was presented for Price, Mabel Dillon & Terrell families.

Mike Spilker explained about new law HB 1167 going into effect 7/1/2025. It will be to livestream and record meetings. It will be a live stream unless no internet, and then it is to be recorded. To have someone come in to record is about \$250 an hour which could easily be a \$6,000 annual expense. The unknown is the charge of the company from our conference. He stated he could buy the equipment and charge Town, and he would store equipment or the Town could buy the equipment that he believes would be approximately \$5,000—this would be for 4 cameras, monitors, cables, etc. He has done research on this and could work with us on this as this is the field he has worked in. He will come back and propose this next year as the new board comes in and looks further into this new law.

Matt Burkert, lawyer, had no update on the ordinance violation.

Chris, the Marshal, had no major incidents. He did report of complaints about a red car with gold wheels and a noise issue. He did speak to this person and while the car is loud, he does hope that this person is making an effort to quiet it down a little. No update on power to pole. Donna will check with the county recycle to see if the solar fix might fit under a grant. Hold on the camera system as he feels that with the expansion of the internet in our buildings that we could go with a less costly system. Chris needs a new hand-held radar as ours only works one way. The cost is \$1,208.99 for one of Custer Signals from Galls. Rene made motion to purchase. Donna seconded. Chris thanked the board and the public their support during his 18 years of service. He thanked Ronnie for his service during this time. The Hendricks County Comprehensive will meet again on December 13 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. The handout they have created for distribution is very detailed about the project.

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Fire Department – Breakfast w/Santa Saturday, December 9, 2023 / 8:00 – 11:00 AM

Handyman – No Hours

Custodian – 14 Hours on Custodian, 15 Hours on Scheduling. Turned in \$700 for Community Building Rentals.

Communication Director – 3 ½ Hours. The first quarter Town Council member for the newsletter is Donna.

Reading Room, Kelsey – 30 Hours. She wanted to thank Dena for hooking up the computer. The Reading Room is decorated for Christmas. Santa there on December 21, 2023.

The Interurban window grant money will wait until spring to fix.

The Park Plan has been submitted to the DNR for review. A bill from Keiser Consulting for the work on this was presented for \$6,000.00. This money will come out of ARA funds.

Donna will get with Barb before year end to see where we are on the ARA funds.

The caulking and painting bid for \$10,000 was discussed. We will table this for spring and get quotes on it.

Becky stated that Nancy Sims sent the Town a message concerning the vibration. Our hopes are that with harvest season over that it will decrease her vibrations.

A Resolution on approving the Broadband Readiness Plan for calendar years 2023-2027 was signed by Ron Travelsted. This needs a number assigned and signed by the Town Clerk and Lawyer.

A motion was made to purchase 30 American flags for the Fire Department display on poles. These are bought from the American Legion. They are nylon, 3" x 5" for \$22.95/each. Donna motioned and Rene seconded. Please use the ARA money for this.

Resolution 2023-6 concerning longevity pay was presented. It passed with two ayes and one nay.

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~~Santa will be at the Reading Room on Thursday, December 21.~~ *remove*

The Duke Energy LED rebate program was discussed. Ronnie talked with Regina Garland. He stated we have 41 lights at a cost of \$346.60 a month, and this figure would go to \$254.53 if we adopt this program. There is no cost to us to change, and after we are done we would receive a check for rebate of \$1,230.00. Rene made a motion to change. Donna seconded it.

The Board received a bill from the county on the election costs. It was for \$754.38. Rene made a motion to accept. Donna seconded it.

Dave Keiser presented a bill for \$350.00 for maintenance on Web page. He also submitted a bill for \$1,250.00 for project 2021-054 Pavement Asset Management Plan. Approved.

Several transfer resolutions were read. Resolution 2023-07 thru 2023-13 were all approved.

Carla Trowbridge approached the Town for a donation to the Backpack Ministry. The donations sent home with kids has to be food. The Town motioned to provide the 19 kids that attend West a little extra. Donna made a motion to provide \$20 extra to their packs per child for a toy or game, etc. Rene seconded it. Donna will let Carla know, and she can get with Clerk.

There will be a newly-elected Officials Boot Camp in Indianapolis on January 16-18, 2024. Mark Wicks can attend. Donna would like to go, and Rene will not be able to attend. Have Clerk find out if there is a cost. This is sponsored by AIM.

The first meeting of 2024 in January will be moved from January 4 to January 11. The schedule for monthly meetings will be discussed in January.

After the first of the year, Rene and Donna will look into current procedures to check to see that our programs are working as intended.

The town flower pots have dead mums. Ronnie will take out the mums.

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Ronnie stated he had a good run with being on the board. He has enjoyed his time on the board. He hopes that the board continues in the direction we have with keeping our small town feel and not to change too much. The rest of the board expressed their appreciation of his work for the town.

The Amo Broadband Plan had suggested to Town that the Interurban and Community Building have internet. The cost of Internet alone is \$64.99 a month per building, but if we bundle it with a phone, the price is \$67.98. It was felt the price is close so Donna will check on the phone for the Community Building. It was made in motion to accept the internet and phone. It will take 1-3 months for the cable to be laid and then we will get service. We were promised 2 months free service. Donna will address issues with TDS as we go forward.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Watson

1-11-24 Date

_____ James Travelsted

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