Amo Town Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Communication Director, Custodian, Clerk and 13 Citizens present. Meeting started at 7:07 p.m. Minutes of the December 9th meeting and the cancellation of the January 6th meeting were read. Corrections were made, vote taken to approve minutes, Donna yea, Rene yea and Ron yea, minutes were approved and signed.

Donna nominated Ron Travelsted for Town Board President for 2022. A vote was taken with Donna yea, Ron yea and Rene yea. Donna nominated Rene for Town Board President Pro Temp for 2022. A vote was taken with Donna yea, Rene yea and Ron yea. Ron will be President for 2022 and Rene will be President Pro Temp for 2022

Southside Drainage Project: Closeout letter is being sent.

Matt took care of trimming the tree on County Road 425 and Pearl Street. The sign is now visible. The reflectors have been installed on the pole, on the east side of Pearl Street, in the curve, north of the school.

Attorney: No report

Marshal: No major events to report. Chris thanked the council for the air compressor and the shop vac. Annual report on officers is complete. They received 200 hours of training including firearms, apprehension, online training, and hands on. Three reserve officers are volunteer, Ben 17 years, John 10 years and Dave 10 years. Also, Chris, has provided 16 years of service to the town. The citizens and Council Members thank all the police officers for their service. County placed a speed sign on Pearl, Chris asked Dave to look into a grant for a sign.

Fire Chief: No report. Fish Fry will be June 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Handyman: Matt turned in 4 hours for December 1st through December 31st. No hours for January.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 13.5 hours for cleaning and 10.5 hours for scheduling, totaling 24 hours for December 1st through December 31st and 13.25 hours for cleaning and 10 hours for scheduling, totaling 23.25 hours for January 1st through January 31st. She gave clerk \$475.00 for December and \$625.00 for January for payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 4 hours for newsletter and 1.5 hour for Facebook, totaling 5.5 hours for December 1st through December 31st and 10 hours for newsletter, 1 hour for web, 1.5 hours for Facebook and 1 hour for grant. Totaling 13.5 hours for January 1st through January 31st.

Reading Room Clerk: Lisa turned in 30 hours for December 1st through December 31st and 24 hours for January 1st through January 31st.

Old Business:

Mowery looked at the Interurban today (2/10) to install the Geothermal heating unit, he will get the unit ordered.

Dave is still working on the five-year Capital Improvement Plan. He will need to meet with the Council and Clerk.

All those in attendance were reminded to please report any pothole problems.

Council would like a report from the 2020 Amo Fish Fry "loss of revenue" with a 3-year average of the Fire Departments half. They are still working on it.

Donna has collected several different resources on how the town could use the American Rescue Funds. The town flag, town marker and picnic tables will be revisited in the spring with possibly the American Rescue Funds purchasing.

Dave is still work on the Indiana Landmark Grant for the Interurban. The door on the Interurban needs to be looked at, it has a crack in it.

The back splash at the Community Building still needs installed.

Doug asked about an ally-way updated map. Donna is looking at the Platt for the town streets and ally-ways. Donna can see them on county maps but needs to call and get help walking her through and understanding them.

Cheri Bray discussed the purchase and recording of the property in question on Main Street. It was recorded in 1997.

Jason Richie wants to make sure the terminology for road vs ally-way is used correctly.

New Business:

Bank Statement signed.

Jason Riches introduced himself to the town and where his property is located. He stated his intentions for his property in the future. Among those were several commercial ventures such as a camp for autistic children, winery, amphitheater, and different projects for the area. He also discussed the drainage on the trail needed to be looked at due to improper drainage to the creek. There was a discussion on whether or not the town needed to extend Main Street. The five-year Capital Improvement Plan was discussed. Jason would like to be on that committee and knows four other people who would like to be included as well. Cheri requested to be included on the committee also. Doug suggested that the town send surveys to all residents on what they would like to see the town do in the five-year plan.

It was mentioned that the council should look into the taxes from the county to make sure the town is receiving the proper amount.

Doug thinks the sidewalk, on the west side of Pearl Street, north of the school, needs moved off of the road. He suggested that the reflectors on the pole, on the east side, should have been bridge embankment style reflective signs.

Senator Braun would like to hold a meeting at the Community Building on March 2nd from 11-12:30, Becky has reached out to them to change the meeting to an evening time. She has not heard back from them yet.

There was a discussion on putting a dead-end sign on Main Street east of Pearl Street.

Becky wanted to let everybody know that the newsletter has a new format.

Next meeting is March 10th but will need to be rescheduled.

Bills signed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

Date

James Travelsted