

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2023**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 2 Council Members present, 1 Council Member remote. Marshal, Attorney, Communication Director, Custodian, Handyman, Clerk, and 9 Citizens present. Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the December 8th meeting were read. Changes were made, added "Kieser Consulting Group" as Dave Kieser's title and one grammar correction. A vote was taken to accept the minutes with correction made, Ron Yes, Donna Yes, Rene Yes, minutes approved and signed.

Drainage Project: No report. Still on Brian Stephenson's list, waiting on better weather.

Guest speaker: Dave Phillips and Darrell Mynatt

Dave and Darrell have a vision to put a museum in the Interurban to educate the community and surrounding area on the history of the Town of Amo and the area. They would like to make it an educational museum so the school could do field trips to the Interurban. It could show a timeline of Amo through the years and get the community involved. They explained how they could change the front two rooms to start with, add walls to hang pictures and displays. It's something that would happen in phases with future goals, volunteers, and lots of work and help from the community. They are here tonight to ask the Council if this is something that they could see the vision happening. Donna said the Interurban was supposed to be a museum in the beginning but didn't have enough information and support. Several items that are already down there are landmarks and from the area history. Donna thinks it would be a great project to get involved with. Manning it could be a problem, but maybe just having it open on key days. The Council agrees that Dave and Darrell could start in the front two rooms but would like for Ron to have a chance to speak with Lisa first. Then he will get back with Dave Phillips.

Comment Form, from Rev Shelly Zook: Rev Shelly was unable to attend the November meeting when the minutes of the October meeting were read. After getting a copy of the minutes, she does not agree with the sentence, "But because of COVID the use of the Trinity Center was very limited so it has not done well", and would like it removed from those minutes. She says it actually did very well during that time period. She would also like it stated that they are the last organized religious 501c3 organization in town.

Attorney: Got insurance from Fire Department. The Walmart Lawsuit: Findings were denying liability on the basis that the town was not directly involved in the fire service. Matt is still working on the annexation of the Richey property.

Marshal: No major events to report. All officers have completed mandatory yearly in service training for 2022. The police department has met the requirements for distribution from the county court fund. Chris needs the Council, Clerk and Marshal to sign the paperwork for Matt to file with the county. Chris often gets request for individuals to complete community service hours. For the last two months Pastor Shelly has coordinated the completion of 118 community service hours.

Fire Chief: No report

Handyman: Greg had no hours for December. The two new picnic tables are at the police station bay. He moved the bench from the cemetery to the bay and will be moving the picnic table from the cemetery to the bay also.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 14.5 hours for custodian and 14.25 hours for scheduling, totaling 28.75 hours for December. She gave clerk \$275.00 for December payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 1.5 hours for Map & Guide and 1.5 hours for Facebook & Website, totaling 3 hours for December.

Reading Room Clerk: Lisa turned in 24 hours for December.

Old Business:

Post Office Brick: No update

Dave Keiser Consulting Group: Capital Improvement Plan: Working on identifying the streets for repairs.
Broadband Readiness Plan: Collecting Data and mapping it out. Historical Downtown Grant becomes available in March or April. Dave will look into a Heritage Support Grant, with Indiana Landmarks, for the museum at the Interurban.

Cold patch has been purchased.

Tree Trimming at the 4-way still needs done.

Interurban doors still need looked at; Ron will do.

Community Building back splash still being worked on.

Community Building thermostat covers is ongoing.

Still looking for flags.

New Business:

Bank statement signed.

Map and Tour Guide is ready.

Hendricks County siren no update.

In the newsletter that is going out, Becky has put in about the 3 Board Members and Clerk position, that are up for re-election.

Opioid Funds \$92.60 is unrestricted over next 18 years. Donna is going to look into this further.

Tactical Pipeline Response Training: Donna will be attending.

Broadband Readiness Plan Committee: Dave Keiser is requesting a five-member committee, including at least 1 board member, be put together to come up with a plan to improve the broadband in our community.
3 people were recommended: Becky Rhea, Donna Watson, Mike Spilker, still need 2 more.

The town received a Thank You card from The Trinity Center.

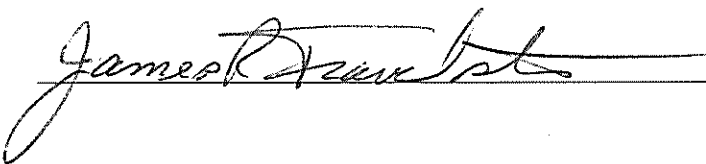
Next meeting February 2nd

Bills signed.

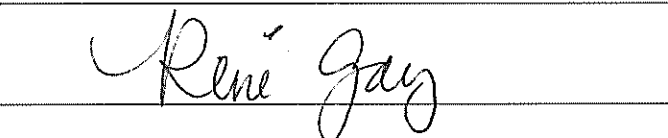
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

2-2-23 Date

 James Travelsted

Donna Watson

 Rene Gay