

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2022**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshal, Attorney, Communication Director, Handyman, Clerk and 10 Citizens present. Meeting started at 7:04 p.m. Minutes of the June 2nd meeting were read. Donna motioned to accept minutes with changes, adding last names to Mark Belford and Mike Brown, Rene second, minutes approved and signed.

Attorney: Working on a new moving violation, first half of the year ordinance violation filed. Clerk received \$50.00 payment for ATV violation.

Marshal: Town clean up was successful, Chris gave a personal thanks to Ron Travelsted, Greg Burch and Chris Carter for their ^{assistance} during town clean up day. Also, a thanks to Mark and Gina Wicks for donating pizza to all helpers. Prior to clean up day Chris did an inspection of town properties for weeds, grass, rubble, and vehicles. In doing so he found 3 properties with violations. Those properties were reported to the county beings they were unoccupied or abandoned. Amo Fish Fry was also successful and no major problems. It was also brought to Chris's attention that a no parking sign was struck during an accident in front of the ^{Fontana} resident and was requested to be replaced. A discussion on "No Parking" signs on east side of Pearl Street, across from school, adding additional signs there. There was prior discussion about no parking on west side of Pearl Street by the ball diamonds. Some concerns have been raised about lack of parking at the diamonds and the overflow on to Pearl Street. Chris is asking the council for guidance on what they would like to see going forward. Discussion was on how the signs would look and how many would be needed. A concern citizen said she had experienced trying to see safely around the parked cars at the ball diamonds. The Council agreed that they need to be there. Chris needs to let the Council know how many signs are needed. Chris will get a quote for five signs for ball diamond area, and 3 signs for school area, Donna also mentioned a "No Outlet" sign for Main Street, by the Post Office. There is concern of no grassy area to place the sign. Chris received a donation from Pittsboro Police Department. Always grateful to receive items. Phone line for fax machine is back working. New ordinance violation has been filed. Chris ordered graphics for the Police Truck; the cost is \$90.54. Next was a lengthy discussion on the permit to discharge firearms on your property. There had been two residents in the town of Amo that holds the permit to discharge firearms on their property, one more was added this year. All properties meet the ordinance guidelines. One property is located more in the center of town than the others, the other two are located on the outer edge of town. With the one located more in the center of town the Council President has received more complaints. Chris has been in discussion with the Council over what is best moving forward on how we can have peace and tranquility amongst people in town. There was a discussion on when the ordinances were last recodified, it has been almost 10 years. At that time, we changed fines and fee structures and American Legal updated statutes that conflict with our language. Chris is also finding that additional ordinances for public disturbances are being stepped on. The discussion went on about changing the language or reformatting the ordinance. There has never been an issue in the past due to the location of the properties and the noise distribution. With the new complaints about gunfire, it now over-laps onto additional noise ordinances. Now it is put on the council on what will be the best path going forward to rectify the issues and concerns of those citizens. A concerned citizen, Mr. Keefer, hears gunfire all the time, but it is not always coming from in town. He holds a gun-range permit that needs renewed, he does not want to see it go away. He made a suggestion of changes to the ordinance, of adding certain hours to shoot, and putting fines in place. Ms. Bray also had concerns about the noise. The attorney sees a conflict between ordinances. Chris stated that this issue has a lot of moving parts, and/or concerns, and that the Council has a lot to consider and further review. Donna stated that she wants to find out what other municipalities have in place and the Council decided, and agreed, that they need to do further investigation.

Fire Chief: no report

Handyman: Greg turned in 25 hours for mowing, 5.5 hours for cleaning manholes and drains, totaling 30.5 hours for June 1st through June 30th. Drain at Community Building needs fixed, Rene will call Cameron Plumbing. Greg would like to clean up things at the station and take to Tox Day, council approved. Mark Belford got the blower and weed eater working. Council wanted to add to Handyman's job description that he does not mow on heat advisory days.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 14.75 hours for cleaning and 9.25 hours for scheduling, totaling 24 hours for June 1st through June 30th. Kelsey was unable to attend meeting, she will get rental money to clerk later.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 5 hours for newsletter, 1.5 hour for Facebook and Website totaling 6.5 hours for June 1st through June 30th.

Reading Room Clerk: Lisa turned in 30 hours for June 1st through June 30th.

Old Business:

Post Office Brick: Donna spoke with Brian Miller; he is waiting on brick to arrive.

Storm Drain Ditch Project: Donna spoke to Brian Stephenson on June 15th and was told it could be two ^{months} weeks before he could start. She also sent him pictures of the tile that might need repaired.

Community Building: Kase Electric has put the town on his calendar to look at.

Storm drain on Pearl Street across from the church was full of rocks from driveways. Also, the drain across the street was full. Council and Greg will look into what might need to be done.

Back splash at Community Building, Ron is working on.

Clerk is still looking into cost of the 2024 elections that happens in 2023.

Donna motioned to have Chris contact American Legal to see what ordinances might need amended and to get a quote for the cost of that process, Rene second.

Clerk will get with Fire Department on boot drive totals for 2018, 19, 20, and 21. Council is looking into revenue loss for the American Rescue Fund money.

Indiana Landmark Grant, for windows at the Interurban, has been approved for \$3,000.00.

New Business:

Bank statement signed.

Picnic tables, for the shelter house, is still tabled.

Donna discussed painting the stormwater drains black. She will be looking into what that might take. Time and cost.

AIM's annual convention is November 2nd to 4th.

The November Town Board meeting will be changed from November 3rd to November 10th.

The Vandalia Trail will be expanding from Clayton to Pecksburg. The trail and its events at now listed in the Explorer Guide.

The concrete, for the bench at the cemetery, was in the original proposal, the clerk will get with Mark Belford and Mike Brown on that cost.

Next meeting August 4th
Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Budget meeting was held after regular town meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

8-4-22 Date

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