

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2023**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Marshall, Communication Director, Handyman, Clerk and 4 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:01 p.m. Minutes of the June 1st meeting were read. Donna motioned to accept the minutes as read, and Rene second, minutes approved and signed.

Ann Miller presented a comment form: She would like the board to accept her proposal of getting rid of the large rotten tree that is in front of her house between the street and the sidewalk. This tree has been there longer than any of us. The electric company came and removed one of the three large limbs, now the other two are rotten. It is dangerous to my house, the road, and the surrounding area. Ann would like to know when something can be done with the tree. Ron said it is to be gone over tonight, he has an estimate to go over, and the tree guy has already looked at it. The question again was asked when he thought it might get cut, Ron said it will be gone over later in the meeting, but if approved by the council, he would tell the tree service to do it ASAP.

Attorney: No report.

Marshal: No major events. One citation was issued. Chris wanted to thank all the officers for their dedication to the town and for all the hard work, for showing up, and for putting in their time. He really appreciates them. Chris purchased candy for the parade cost of \$21.99 and asked the council to reimburse him for it. He also got an oil change in the truck cost of \$77.02 and would like to be reimbursed for that as well. Donna motioned to reimburse Chris for both the candy and oil, Rene second. Chris also wanted to acknowledge that the Dollar General in Danville gave him two extra bags of candy when they found out what he was doing with the candy he was purchasing. There was a discussion on who mowed Bobbie Bray's old house last time. Chris will look into getting it taken care of. Chris also had noticed that the grass around the no parking signs had been trimmed.

Fire Chief: No report.

Handyman: Greg turned in 12.5 hours for mowing, 3 hours for tree trimming on Walnut Street, totaling 15.5 hours for June.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 8.75 hours for custodian and 8.75 hours for scheduling, totaling 17.5 hours for June. She gave the clerk \$625.00 for June payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 1.5 hours for Facebook, 3.5 hours for Newsletter and 4 hours for Reading Room, totaling 9 hours for June. Newsletter is a very full newsletter this quarter.

Reading Room Clerk: Kelsey turned in 18 hours for June.

Old Business:

ARA Fund:

- 1) Broadband Committee: Meeting is scheduled for July 27th at the Interurban, at 6:30. Going over the surveys and will be scheduling a Public Meeting.
- 2) Capital Improvement Plan: The Plan has been reviewed by committee and Dan Lake will schedule a meeting to finish this up.
- 3) Interurban Windows: Dave Kieser works with a contractor that is currently working on a project at the Children's Museum and he has been covered up but will get back to us as we already have the money.
- 4) Historical Downtown Plan: Donna is still looking at and hoping to maybe make some headway ~~on~~ at the conference.
- 5) Picnic Tables for the Shelter House: Still pending on ordering more with Greg.

Donna will meet with Brian Stephenson to discuss the ditch by the trailhead tomorrow at 6 p.m.

Richey Annexation is in lawyer's hands now.

Chris and Donna are still working on the update of the town's ordinances.

Post Office Door: The Post Office door has been fixed. Donna is working with Doug Wallace about the actual door. The handle on the door is too high to be ADA compliant. He is offering suggestions about it.

The Cleanup Day with Jack's was a great success and they worked well with us. There will be an article in our newsletter, that they have agreed to one month free for anyone who calls in and signs up for their service if they mention the newsletter. Donna asked if that was okay with the board and they agreed it was.

Chimney Cap at the Interurban has been done by Maximum Effort Roofing. The cost was \$400.00. They found three clay caps on the roof that had come loose but were not damaged. The cost to repair was \$125.00 each totaling \$375.00. Bring the total bill to \$775.00. Donna and Ron approved. They said the roof was in really good shape.

Donna and Barb will be attending the AIM Conference in French Lick August 21st-23rd. The cost is \$199.00 each. Rene motioned to approve, Donna second.

Town Elections: There is currently 3 Republicans running for Clerk/Treasurer and 4 Republicans, 1 Democrat and 1 Libertarian running for Council. The deadline to sign up is noon August 1st. Due to this number the Republicans will have to have a town convention to narrow their field. Donna would like to consider the county to go ahead and hold the ^{election} convention this year. There will be a cost, but she think it will be worth it. There was a discussion and the council agreed it would be best if the county held it.

The trees in the alley by Bray's were trimmed back. Donna talked to Joe Harper at the Amo Fish Fry and alley stone was going to increase in price July 1st. She contracted the board with an estimate for Brown's alley, Bray's alley, and alley behind the store. Bray's alley and alley behind the store needed to be graded as well because they have more traffic on them. Joe suggested a larger stone in those two alleys. The stone in those alleys cost \$1,550.00 and Brock graded alleys cost \$800.00 total cost \$2,350.00. Ron, Rene, and Donna approved.

New Business:

Bank Statement signed.

Ron got estimate from Chad McMahan to remove 2 trees and 2 stump removals. 1) Main Street, Ann Miller's house, cost is tree \$475.00 and stump removal \$200.00. 2) Vine Street, Ron Robinson's house, cost is tree \$450.00 and stump removal \$175.00, totaling \$1300.00. Donna motioned to accept the \$1300.00 to remove both trees and Rene second. Ron will check with Chad let him know he got the approval.

Greg Midgley donated a sign from 1897 Crittenden Creek railroad bridge that Rodney & Linda Trout had given him. He thought it would be nice for the museum.

Streetlight at Church & Vine was reported out June 8th and fixed June 8th.

Donna deposited \$34.00 into the RAILS account.

We will feature a grant from Indiana in our newsletter called Indiana Learns. Eligible families can receive up to \$1,000.00 for math & reading tutors, during school breaks, for grades 3 to 8. They must be on free or reduced lunch & have score below proficiency on I Learn in 2022, 1 year program.

Donna received a comment form from Cheri Bray on June 28th concerning a property line dispute. This has been turned over to our lawyer. At this time, it is between Matt and Mr. Richey. Dave Gaston will be reviewing that line again and getting back to us.

Hendricks County Comprehensive Plan next meeting is July 18th, 4:00-6:00, at the Government Center.

Damp Rids are full and need to be replaced. Greg will take care of.

What started out as changing a light at the Interurban turned out to be a little more complicated. The council has decided to change the 6 lights to LED lights, the cost is \$480.00. Council approved, Kase Electric will order lights.

The Town of Amo was asked for a letter of support for the Mill Creek Watershed. Hendricks County Soil & Water Conservation District is working on this grant to improve water quality within Mill Creek drainage. The letter of support would show an "in-kind" cost of approximately \$500, in time or efforts, doing education and outreach, serving on the steering committee, assisting with drafting and reviewing plans. Donna motioned to have clerk write a support letter in the amount of \$500, Rene second.

Hendricks County Siren: no update.

Hendricks County Emergency Management Agency: Rene will get with them about the Warming and Cooling Stations in Amo.

Community Building Windows: Ron and Barb looked at them but didn't see what Kelsey was talking about. Ron will get with Kelsey so she can show him what she is talking about.

Next meeting is August 3rd.

Bills signed.

Budget meeting started at 8:06 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

8-3-23 Date

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