

**Amo Town Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2022**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Communication Director, Attorney, Custodian, Dave Gunn, Clerk and 18 Citizens present. Meeting started at 7:06 p.m. Minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Donna motion to accept minutes as read, Rene second, minutes approved and signed.

Rowe Paving repairing of the streets is complete. Pearl Street has some holes that were overlooked, Ron will look into patching them.

Dave Keiser: Dave thanked all the citizens for coming out to the meeting and showing interest in their town. Dave spoke about the 5-Year Plan, some ideas for the plan include lighting north of town, sidewalks, grant for windows and doors at Interurban, cameras for downtown and expanding the businesses in town. He likes to compare Amo to Clayton and thinks Amo is head and shoulders above Clayton. The 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan helps identify and prioritize projects in the next five years to make Amo a better place to live. Also, looking into some annexation in the area to bring in a bigger tax base.

7:20-7:22 Chris Carter has some concerns on the repair work to the town streets. His concerns are that the quality of the repairs is not good. Council explained that the worse areas were addressed with the funds available. Additional holes will be looked at and filled with cold patch.

7:22-7:26 Jason Richey wanted to inform everybody the Planning Commission came out to take pictures of his property, that there was concern that somebody was living back there. He said they told him there was no problem with him living there that they have the waivers. He also wanted the board and clerk to know that if someone has questions there is no need to contact the Health Department or the Planning Commission that Barb can give out his email or phone number so he can answer any questions or just let them know that Mr. Richey and his family live back there and are in the process of building. Donna had a comment on this matter. Barb had several citizens asking questions about the property, she had asked Barb to check with the Planning Commission to try to get answers, which she had done, and Barb said nobody had gotten back with her. Donna had gone over to the Planning Commission department to ask about the permits, no permits had been issued at all, asked about the deck and building, their comment was that they did not see a building. Donna was told if the building was over 200 square feet it would require a permit. Jason tried explaining why there was no need for any permits. Donna disputed the explanation that Jason gave on why no permits were needed. She also, asked about the waste removal, was told she had to go the Health Department and filed a complaint to get her answers. Donna is waiting to hear back on this matter.

Attorney: Working on an ordinance violation with an ATV on the trail, getting it resolved.

Marshal: Chris couldn't make meeting, so Dave Gunn filled in. Working on ATV on the trail and an OWI on South Street, nothing else at this time.

Fire Chief: Need to purchase 20 to 25 flags for the town. Donna motioned to purchase 25 flags, spending up to \$500.00, Rene second. Fish Fry is June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Handyman: Greg Burch was interviewed on April 30<sup>th</sup> by Donna for the handyman position. He is now the new handyman for the town. Ron will meet with him to show him where to mow and where everything is kept.

Custodian: Kelsey turned in 13.75 hours for cleaning and 15.25 hours for scheduling, totaling 29 hours for April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. She gave clerk \$325.00 for April payment of Community Building rentals.

Communication Director: Becky turned in 11 hours for Newsletter, .5 hours for Web, 3 hours for Resource Guide and 1 hour for misc., totaling 15.5 hours for April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>. Becky and Donna are working on a Resource Guide, this would just go to citizens of Amo. It would have useful phone number for the community. This would also free up the newsletter for news and special events.

Reading Room Clerk: Lisa turned in 26 hours for April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

Ron spoke with Brian Miller about the work on the brick at the Post Office, to let him know he got the job. Brian said he would start when the weather is better. Ron's not sure when that will be, he has not heard back from him.

Stormwater Drainage Ditch: Donna talked with David Gaston about the Removal of Obstruction paperwork, after looking into



David does not think the county can help the town. He gave Donna names of excavating companies the county has used in the past, 1) Brian Stephenson Excavating, 2) Murrain Excavating and 3) Mink Excavating. Nancy Marsh said we could use the ARP Fund for this drainage project. If the project cost is under \$50,000 the town will not have to get three bids. David thought it would be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Donna will call Brian Stephenson for a quote, to see where the cost might be at.

Back Splash: Ron will have for next month.

Southside Stormwater Grant is done.

Becky wants to know what to do with the recycling bins at the Community Building. Kelsey said somebody has been emptying them, not sure who.

Mowery is done at the Interurban. Thermostat at the Interurban is not working. Rene will call Mowery.

New Business:

Bank Statement signed.

Bench for the Cemetery is on schedule to be done for May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Cemetery Board had a meeting and discussed the bench. Their concern was the size of the bench. After talking to the landowner to the north, if it goes over the property line, they are ok with that. There was a discussion on what might need to go under the bench. Mr. Keefer has steppingstone that could be used for the legs, Greg will get with him. The Cemetery Board would like to thank the town for the bench, they are very appreciative of this.

Picnic tables were discussed. Estimate for 6' Picnic Tables, Options: 1) 2x6x8 Pine \$299.16 each, 2) 2x6x8 Pine, Burnt Seal \$349.16 each and 3) 2x6x8 Treated \$316.68 each. Jason has some lumber he would like to donate.

Old bench from the Post Office needs to be moved to the side of the Interurban.

Becky will plant the flower at the Post Office if the town is willing to purchase. Donna discussed that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Mill Creek West could plant them for Beautify Amo Day on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Donna motioned to spend \$200.00 on flowers, Rene second. Rene will get flowers.

Bunn coffee pot does not work at the Community Building, Barb will look at.

Rhonda Beck wants to know if the town would like to participate in the 2023 Military Banners next year. Donna motioned to do the banners, Rene second.

Mike Kelter would like to know if the minutes of the meeting can be posted on the Website each month. Becky will take care of this. He also had questions and concerns about the trail at the school. Donna said he would have to take his concerns up with the school.

Next meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bills signed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

6-2-22 Date

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