

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2025**

Town of Amo held its "Town of Amo, 2026 Budget Public Hearing" with 3 Council Members, Dave Gunn (for Marshall), Communication Director, Clerk, and 5 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

The 2026 Budget was discussed; there were no questions or concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Dave Gunn (for Marshall), Communication Director, Clerk, and 5 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the August meeting were sent to the council members for review and corrections. Those minutes were available to you when you signed in tonight.

After reviewing the minutes, are there any additions or corrections? There were no additions or corrections. Rene motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Mark second. Minutes approved and signed.

The report on the employees' work hours, and Community Building rental payments, was available with the minutes.

I'm Donna Watson, Council President, Mark Wicks Council Member, and Rene Gay Council Member and Barb Strahl Clerk/Treasurer.

Indiana House Bill 1167 went into effect in July that mandates that state and local bodies must live stream their meetings. So, we are doing this to be in compliance.

We will not change our format as we have always welcomed our citizens to speak. We may limit the conversation, but we as a board always wanted you to come to our meetings. This is where we conduct our business. Each month you may go to YouTube.com and search "Town of Amo" to be connected.

Sign In Sheet was checked, one citizen to speak.

- 1) David and Emmett Lencke: Emmett is part of the Eagle Scout Troop 301, he is asking to provide the Amo area access to secure and respect U.S. Flag Retirement Collection Box. Troop 301 will maintain the box and conduct retirement ceremonies as needed. He is asking the council if he could place such box in town somewhere. This was discussed. Donna motioned to approve, Rene second and Mark third. The box will be placed on the Interurban porch.

Old Business:

Park Board update provided by Brian Williams: Board is still working on Park Plan. Did not receive the grant from the Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund. Will try again next year. The Future Amo Park sign has been installed. Park Board is looking into different fund raisers for the park. The next meeting is October 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The Museum will be open during the car show from 11-4. There will be books and misc. items for sale at this time. Still receiving donations. New cabinet was donated. Worked on labeling items at the meeting. Becky's uncle donated a Bible; she is very excited about that. The Museum received a \$3,100.00 grant from the Amo High School Alumni Association Education Fund, with the Hendricks County Community Foundation. This will be used to purchase permanent display cases and the supplies needed to preserve historical objects. Next meeting is October 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Reach Alert update provided by Donna Watson: There have been 39 contacts signed up, with 70 texts, 2 calls and 22 emails going out. Donna feels very good about the response this has received. The last one to go out was for a reminder for the Town Council Meeting tonight.

Hendricks County Visitor Center: Donna met with Phillip Deiwer, on August 12th at the Interurban. She wanted to make sure Amo was noticed.

She discussed the following topics with them:

- 1)Mural of the Interurban.
- 2)Asked if they could help with the Interurban, how to do videos and set up museum properly.
- 3)Talked about Future Amo Park and the property on Vine Street.
- 4)Trail and horse trail.
- 5)The only town in the state named Amo.

Aim Conference update: Donna, Barb and Becky will be attending the conference on October 21st-23rd.

Vandelina Trail bike rides are September 16th and 30th.

Run Club is September 12th at 8:00 a.m.

Halloween hours for this year are October 31st, 5-8 p.m. Donna asked for approval to purchase Halloween candy to give out at the Community Building, Rene motioned to approve up to \$400, Mark second.

The property was purchased on September 20, 2024, one year ago with ARA Money. Donna motioned to approve using any leftover 2025 appropriations towards the 2026 loan payment. Also, would like the council to think about what is next with the property.

The First Baptist Church Car Show is September 20th. Town will donate raffle baskets for event.

Tasks Update:

Barb is still working on the ARA report, and the propane post to be painted.

Comcast Update: Mark is still working on.

Resource Guide update: Becky is working on.

Fire Department report: No report.

Police Report: Dave Gunn reported that there was no report for the month.

New Business

911 Dinner was discussed; it will be September 11th at 5:00 p.m. Everything is going well.

Summer Reading at the Reading Room is finished. Only one child participant. It was Kelsey's son; Domonic, and he received the \$10 prize. Becky posted his picture on Facebook and had the most likes on anything ever posted before.

Cleaning the Community Building ceiling was discussed. Asking if anyone has any ideas on who to hire to clean up. Community Building walls have received some damage from renters using tape on them. Discussed how to best deal with this. Tabled for now.

Greg talked to Mark about the trees east of the 4-way that need trimmed back so he can mow better. This was discussed. Mark will get with Greg about trimming the trees. Mark will also get with Chad McMahan about any other trees on town property that might need trimmed.

Joe Starks had a question about who takes care of horse trail. This was discussed. The signage needs worked on; the parks department takes care of trails.

Credit Card Policy is tabled till next meeting.

Next meeting is October 2nd.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

October 2 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay