

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2026**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 2 Council Members, Deputy Marshall, Communication Director, Clerk, and 1 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Hello, I'm Mark Wicks Council President Pro Tem, filling in for Rene Gay, Council President, (unable to attend) Donna Watson Council Member, and Barb Strahl Clerk/Treasurer.

The minutes of the May 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. Donna motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed, Rene gave an absentee second approval, earlier with Donna, due to Mark not being at the last meeting. Minutes approved and signed.

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

Old Business:

Park update provided by Becky Rhea: No meeting held today. Next meeting is July 16th, at 6:00 p.m.

Museum update provided by Becky Rhea: They did not meet today because they put in some extra hours prior to the Fish Fry. David & Marian Phillips worked on a file cabinet for the museum. Kelsey Freeman and Darrell Mynatt hung some military and 250 Anniversary banners outside the museum. Donna Watson had put together items to be sold during the Saturday of the Fish Fry, said item were sold totaling \$41.00. They have copies of the Final Concert of the Amo High School Instrumental Music Department directed by Larry Everhart for \$10.00 each. There are still T-shirts for sale. Next meeting is July 16th at 4:00 p.m.

CCMG update provided by Barb Strahl: The payment was sent to contractor, and the final paperwork was submitted to INDOT. Will wait to hear back.

Reach Alert update provided by Donna Watson: The yearly invoice for the Reach service was paid (\$373.50). The town has 49 contacts now.

Community Building Floor update: The Council chose 5 colors for the floor, then asked Kelsey, Becky and Barb to rate them 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice along with the council to choose the color. The color will be Creek Bed. The project will take place June 28th to July 4th.

Vine Street Property update: Two parties have inquired about the cleaning up of the old cars around the property on Vine Street. They were asked to submit a bid.

1) Jennifer Strange: \$1,000.00 to haul away old cars.

2) Still waiting on, but never received the second bid.

This was discussed. The money would either go to the Park Department or go toward paying the loan down. Will decide at a later date. Donna motioned to accept the bid from Jennifer Strange, Mark second. Donna will contact her and take care of this.

Newsletter update provided by Becky Rhea: The council approved for Becky to use Spectrum for future newsletter printing. The Lifestyle Group appreciated the thank you note.

Town Clean-up Day was a success. Donna, Barb, Becky, Dave, Chris and Kevin Gay helped. Thanks to Denney Excavating for donating the roll off dumpsters for the events.

Amo Fish Fry was a success. They had a large turnout and the fireworks were great. Thanks to everyone that helped.

Mike Spilker ran the Cruise-In on Friday night of the Fish Fry. There were 45 cars this year. Donna stated that she likes the Fish Fry because she lives here and she goes to see friends.

Town Marshal and Deputy Marshal position was discussed. At this time Council approved to keep Dave on as Deputy Marshal.

Police report: Report provided by Dave Gunn: Yield sign at Railroad Street and Vine Street was brought to his attention. He will get a count of signs that need replaced. All officers worked at the Amo Fish Fry, there were no major incidents. Chris discussed with Matt about the parking issue at the school.

Attorney report: No report.

Fire Department report: No report.

Sign In Sheet was checked, no one to speak.

Task Sheet:

Mark reported on Ann Miller water issue, Mike Brown regraded the alley. Stormwater at Baptist Church, alley, and fire station are going to be looked at by Brian Stephenson.

Barb reported that eagle on flag at Community Building had been replaced. Had to replace both eagles on the flags so they would match.

Artistic Tree Service will be removing the trees on Pearl Street in about two weeks.

Waste Management will pick up dumpster on June 15th.

Mark will install small camera inside the Interurban. He has bird spikes for Interurban porch and Barb has a wind chime for porch.

On May 13th Greg Burch turned in his resignation as Handyman effective immediately. Chris volunteered to mow till the position could be filled. The council discussed. Donna motioned to offer the Handyman position to Mark Belford with the pay at \$16.00 an hour, Mark second. Donna text Mark Belford the offer. Mark Belford accepted the Handyman position.

Clerk purchased a dehumidifier for the Interurban, cost was \$234.00, council approved, Dick Hayworth has 6 metal file cabinets he would like to donate to the town. This was discussed; clerk would like to accept them.

An amended salary ordinance was discussed; Amended Salary Ordinance 2026-03 was approved and signed.

Next meeting is July 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

6-16-26 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

 Mark Wicks

Rene Gay