

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2025**

Town of Amo held its regular monthly meeting with 3 Council Members, Dave Gunn (for Marshall), Communication Director, Clerk, and 2 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

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

The minutes of the October 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.

Old Business:

Attorney Report update provided by Matt Burkert. He wanted to make sure we received the judgement for the one ordinance violation. Yes, we had. Amo has filed an ordinance violation for this year. He has filed the paperwork on the Vine Street property.

Park Board update provided by Brian Williams: The Park Board has no update, because the meeting was cancelled for today. Board is still working on Park Plan; the final draft may be available at next month's meeting. The next meeting is on December 4th at 6:00 p.m. Donna received an email from Katie Cummings that they will receive two complimentary tickets in March for a Picnic in the Park. Brian will let council know who can attend. Brian is attending a statewide park conference in Anderson this month. This invite came from Laura Hallman.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: The museum committee met this evening. Sold all the furniture from the Reading Room that was not being used anymore. Still have one dresser and mirror to sell. The committee is working on cataloging all yearbooks and the senior pictures. No meeting in December. The press release is completed for the grant. The Republican Newspaper is going to have an article in next week's paper to promote t-shirts and show off the museum.

CCMG update: The grant was discussed. The area will be East Street to Church Street to Walnut Street. The total for the project is \$53,171.00; grant request is \$42,436.80 and town match (20%) \$10,634.20

Reach Alert update provided by Donna Watson: There have been 42 contacts signed up, with 73 texts, 2 calls and 23 emails going out.

Aim Conference update: Donna, Barb and Becky attended the conference on October 21st-23rd at French Lick.

Becky attended the following workshops:

- 1) A Case Study on Alley Activation: Columbus Arts Alley Parklet. This workshop did give some resources for ideas and grants.
- 2) Mighty Messaging, Minimal Money. This workshop suggests resources or tools we already utilize—Facebook, Website, newsletter, Reach Alert and Resource Guide.
- 3) Case Studies in Proactive Growth: READI Success Stories Inspired IEDC Development Toolkit. The primary focus of this workshop was to stress the importance of following guidelines/policies for projects.
- 4) Roadmap for Indiana Communities to Take Ownership of Distressed Properties. This workshop was mainly about abandoned properties.
- 5) Advancing Asphalt Sustainability in Indiana. This workshop provided the least amount of information that pertained to the town. The presenters talked about products to repair potholes.

Door prizes were awarded. Becky received a bottle of bourbon and a Bluetooth speaker; Barb received a bottle of bourbon and Donna received a dog gift basket, \$100 gift card and a \$5.00 gift.

With the Bluetooth speaker the company would like to have a 25-minute phone call to discuss what they have to offer. She wanted someone on that call that knew what equipment we already have. Will work on this.

Donna and Barb will give report at later date.

Next years AIM Conference will be held September 29th-October 1st at French Lick.

Donna spoke with Clint Lamb, an AIM field service rep for our area, and he said if we need anything he can come out to us. There is an Indiana Energy Saving Program that might be something we could offer our citizens.

Halloween update provided by Donna Watson; The night was a big success, ten tables set up in, Community Building to hand out candy. We had 400 bags of candy to handed out, we ran out, lucky Jordan Watson from American Family Insurance had brought extra bags and let us use them. The popcorn ran out at 6:00. Becky stated that Halloween would not have happened without the help of Donna and her family, Mark, Barb and Becky helped also, huge Thank You!

Vine Street Property update provided by Donna Watson; The property was purchased on September 20, 2024, Matt is still working on paperwork. A person from Banning Engineer talked with Donna to let her know that Ray's, on 40, was good to do demolition of building, if one was needed.

Tasks Update:

Barb got the paint for Greg to paint the post around the propane tank at the Community Building. Deep cleaning on Community Building, I was unable to find anyone, this was discussed. See if Chad could do the top ceiling work and hire someone else for the cleaning of the rooms and windows. Still working on. Paper towel and knife set done. Pipe for the rack, still working on. The touch up paint we do have.

Mark got the trees on the trail done.

Sign In Sheet was checked, no citizen to speak.

Fire Department report: No report.

Police Report: Dave Gunn reported that there were no incidents reporting for the month. Halloween was good. Radio updates; Found out that they are going to need additional updates from what was approved. The cost is \$1,095.00 to do two for this year. The rest will be done later.

Becky reported that the floor at the Community Building needed to be refinished. This was discussed years ago and nothing got done. Someone was supposed to take care of this, but it fell through the cracks. This was discussed again; Rene will look into.

New Business:

Longevity was discussed. There will be enough to give out this year. Resolution 2025-10 was approved and signed. Total payout will be \$5,850.00.

Property loan is due in January 2026, will pay down with any leftover appropriations.

Title VI Implementation Plan completed.

ADA Transition Plan Completed.

The Christmas Pop Up Market would like a donation of a basket to raffle off on November 29th. This was approved, Donna purchased two backpacks, one girl and one boy, with Elf on Shelf items and books also in each, cost was \$55.24.

Gina Wicks is working on the Christmas lights for the town. They were wanting to look at lights for the back street, but they are expensive. Donna mentioned the Godde lights, she passed the information to Mark for Gina. If she comes up with a plan and wants to propose it to the council, we would be open to consider it.

A Tort Claim was filed against the town. It is in progress and with our lawyer, if anyone has any questions about that.

Next meeting is December 4th.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

12-4-2025 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay