

**Amo Town Board
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2025**

Town of Amo held its “Town of Amo, 2026 Budget Adoption Hearing” with 3 Council Members, Dave Gunn (for Marshall), Communication Director, Clerk, and 2 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

The 2026 Budget was discussed; there were no questions or concerns. Council approved and signed.

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 2 Citizens present. The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the September 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, Rene Gay Council Member, Mark Wicks Council Member and Barb Strahl Clerk/Treasurer.

Sign In Sheet was checked, one citizen to speak.

- 1) Rhonda Beck: It is the time of year when Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter, Nation Society Daughters of the American Revolution begin planning for the up coming year of Military Banners. The banners will be displayed May 2026 to May 2027. This was discussed. Next year there will be a new design for the banners. Rhonda is asking for approval for the town to participate in next year’s military banners. Rene motioned to approve and Mark second.

Old Business:

Park Board update provided by Brian Williams: They held their meeting tonight; 2 citizens attended with questions about closing a road. Brian let them know that they could speak to the council about that. Park Board is looking into different fund raisers for the park. They are looking at registering for a fundraiser platform. They would like to get a .gov email address to use for the park. May try for 2 events next year in spring and fall. Board is still working on Park Plan. The next meeting is November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Museum Committee update provided by Becky Rhea: Still receiving donations. Now we have two mannequins. The Museum had positive feedback at the car show. There will be a sale at the Community Building on October 9th and 10th for books and misc. items that are no longer needed. Still working on the news release for the grant. Next meeting is November 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Reach Alert update provided by Donna Watson: There have been 41 contacts signed up, with 72 texts, 2 calls and 22 emails going out. Donna feels very good about the response this has received. Donna would like to put an article in the newsletter before it goes out. The last one to go out was for a reminder for the Town Council Meeting tonight.

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

Donna is working on Halloween candy. She has stayed within her \$400 budget. Thanks Donna.

The property was purchased on September 20, 2024, one year ago with ARA Money. Any leftover 2025 appropriations will go towards the 2026 loan payments. Rene will check to see what needs to happen next about the property. Also, Donna would like the council to think about what is next with the property. We will need to have meetings about what we want to do with that property. Council thought a survey for the town citizens would be good and also asked the Park Board to help with ideas.

The First Baptist Church Car Show was September 20th. It had a good turnout. There were around 80 entries. The Interurban didn't have that many visitors but did receive positive feedback.

The September 11th Dinner was a smaller turnout this year. This was discussed and next year will be the 25th year of having the September 11th dinner. It was decided that next year will be the last year for the dinner.

CCMG update: The grant was discussed. There are two L shaped roads with a rating of less than 4. One area would be East Street to Church Street to Walnut Street. Second area would be Main Street starting at Vine Street to street in front of Mynatt's house. Dave Keiser will look into this. The grant has to be submitted in October.

The Community Building walls and deep cleaning were discussed. Citizens renting the building are putting up decorations with tape and removing the paint when taking them down. It was mentioned that signs with rules and guidelines might help. Barb will check with someone about deep cleaning.

Tasks Update:

Barb got the paint for Greg to paint the post around the propane tank at the Community Building.

Fire Department report: No report.

Police Report: Dave Gunn reported that there were no incidents reporting for the month. The .50¢ check in question at last month's meeting was for court fees. The town is not eligible for the traffic court funds for the first half of the year. The title for the Explorer was returned for missing signature; the issue has been corrected and resubmitted to the BMV.

New Business

Painting more storm drain grates was discussed. It was approved to update current ones and to paint one more. Mark will talk to Greg about doing this.

Credit Card Policy was discussed. Rene motioned to approve, Mark second.

Marshal Policy was discussed and approved.

Mill Creek Water Shed was discussed. The town gave a letter of support in July of 2023. The meetings are held at the Community Building. At the meeting it was discussed about the creek going through Amo. The next meeting is December 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Amo Community Building.

The Pavement Asset Management Plan update: Needs to be updated by December 1st. The cost is \$1,000.00, Rene motioned to approve, Mark second. Dave Keiser will be working on the plan.

Donna would like approval to get a knife set and paper towel holder for the Community Building. This was discussed; Barb will take care of getting.

The ADA Transition Plan was discussed and Resolution 2025-6 signed by the Council. We have been working on this plan for several months. We did not find that at any public meeting that there are any known areas of the town that deny access to any town programs, services or activities.

Resource Guide was discussed. The idea was suggested to update it on the website once a year and have the newsletter state that it is available on the website when the update has occurred. Dave Gunn had a concern that not everybody has a computer to have it available. Tabled at this time.

Next meeting is November 6th.

Bills signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Strahl, Clerk/Treasurer

11-6-25 Date

Donna Watson Donna Watson

Mark Wicks Mark Wicks

Rene Gay Rene Gay