

**Minutes Town of Amberg Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 10, 2016—7:00 pm**

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 with Mattison, Supervisor Holmes, Treasurer Suzawith, Clerk Boshen and nine community members present.

During open floor Jim Parr said the shop needs a tool box for the garage and suggested the town purchase one at Mathis Ace Hardware with a base cabinet and top. George Kloppenburg expressed his appreciation and commended the work ethic and knowledge of Brad Barker who assisted him with adding mulch to the Community Center gardens. Chairman Mattison said blackberries are ripe and that Herb Becker's wake and funeral will be held Saturday in Wausaukee.

Supervisor Holmes made a motion to approve the clerk and treasurer's reports after amending the clerk's report to include the Just Fix It resolution was also sent to Jeff Mursau. Chairman Mattison seconded the motion and it passed.

Fred Smeester, chair of the plan commission reported that the regular monthly meeting took place in the community center at 6:30 PM August 3, 2016. The topic of discussion for the evening was the keeping of farm animals in the town center. Many ideas were discussed, but in the end, the conclusion was that if the animals are confined and odors and flies are controlled it is legal to keep them. The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Margaret Mattison, on behalf of the Amberg Historical Society, thanked the Town for fixing the roof on the carriage house. She also asked if there had been any more thought on how to deal with the town records stored in the closet at the Old Town Hall. Supervisor Holmes with a second by Chairman Mattison made a motion to give the Historical Society permission to deal with old town records stored at the Old Town Hall with input from the clerk.

The fire department report has been received and is on file in the clerk's office for review. Money was expended on repairs, maintenance, equipment and payroll. A small deposit was also made from can donations.

Chairman Mattison reported that the section of Barker Road being funded with TRIP monies has been pulverized and has a layer of gravel in place with initial grading completed. The condition of the existing culverts is still unknown and input from the county Highway Commissioner is needed. Gravel is still being hauled with brushing and mowing being done as time allows. A problem exists with the newer dump truck. It has blown three new tires in a five day time span once while empty and the other times with a full load of gravel. Mattison stated he will follow up on the problem the first part of the next week.

The garage and fire department door frames will be repaired by Dale Fick as soon as the weather lets up according to Mattison. Mr. Fick did replace the down spout on the Old Town Hall.

The clerk had nothing to report on what emergency backup equipment should be obtained for the Community Center to make it a functional emergency shelter and how to fund it as of yet. She also reported that there would be little difference in cost to change the check format to computer generated checks beginning in 2017 according to the Treasurer's initial research. It would also result in less duplication of the work load. After a brief discussion the board members said they were ok with the change.

Fire Chief Parr stated he is still trying to negotiate the land purchase for the Fire Department satellite station.

Under new business Saturday, October 1 was set as the Fall Clean up Day in Amberg. A picnic license was approved on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Chairman Mattison for Saturday, August 3 for the annual Fire Department picnic. Fire Chief Parr asked for a change in how the 2% Fire Dues and the levy are distributed by the town and was asked to come to some of the budget meetings this fall to discuss the topic further for the 2017 budget year. All vouchers were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Chairman Mattison.