

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2015

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Mattison, Ron Holmes, Russ Werner, Lisle Suzawith, Pat Boshen and twelve community members present.

During open floor—Shawn Sagan asked if the town will have time before winter to replace the molding around the big fire department doors so he can replace the seals. He also stated that the service door doesn't close properly. Mike Churchill asked why the swimming hole was brushed as extensively as it was along the river. Ron Holmes asked why the town park was being used as an ATV playground and reported that he chased several people on ATV's out of there recently. He suggested "No atv's allowed" signs should be placed at the entrances to the park.

The clerk's and treasurer's reports were accepted as read on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. A hearing on a workman's comp claim is scheduled for September with the clerk to attend as the town's representative. The treasurer reported the money market account has \$17,149.19, tax money market \$111,620.56, checking \$17,154.03, Special Savings Account \$19,902.90, equipment cd \$25,062.36 and a loan balance of \$8,208.62. He also reported that to collect on a \$46.53 delinquent personal property tax bill it would cost \$96.53 filing fee to go to small claims court which doesn't seem cost effective. Clerk is to send a bill with note of potential small claims court action.

The regular monthly meeting of the Amberg plan commission took place August 5, 2015 in the Amberg community center at 6:30 pm. The first topic of discussion was Jim Fronsoe explaining the details of the topographical quadrangle map. Next the reduced set back part of title 15 was discussed. A rearrangement of sub section 4 was decided on. It will be looked at again next month. Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

The Fire Department Report is on file in clerk's office. Funds were spent on postage and delivery costs, supplies, repairs and maintenance, and clothing.

Margaret Mattison, historical society chair, asked if the historical society could keep the water cooler at the museum complex. Chairman Mattison replied that the Town had just purchased the cooler. In the future historical society will assume responsibility for purchasing the jugs of water. She also stated that the north porch of the town hall needs to be painted and asked that a metal gutter and down spout be replaced so they can complete the painting. The down spout is on the west side of the west post and it should blend in with the historical aspect of the building. If the town crew is too busy she asked if they could find an outside source to supply the labor.

Under road work the discussion centered on how many culverts should be replaced and when the work will be done on Squaw Creek. Supervisor Holmes asked if all culverts need to be replaced since it would be more cost effective and easier to do it now before the road is paved. George Kloppenburg stated he looked at the culverts and they will need to be replaced before the road would. He also stated that the total for all three in question would cost less than \$1800. Chairman Mattison replied that only one needed replacing and hopefully it will be replaced tomorrow. Gravel is on the roads and driveway approaches and the ad requesting bids can be published. It was decided to have the ad inserted into the August 19 and 26 editions of the Peshtigo Times with the due date Monday, September 21. The board will convene on September 22 at 4 pm to open the bids. There are issues with the dump trucks again. The air conditioner is no longer working in one and the new

truck has an emission control recall. Supervisor Holmes stated that there is a diesel tank with electric pump for sale and it might be to the Town's advantage to look at it for refueling purposes. The town has about 400 yards of gravel left in the Smiley pit which will be gone by the end of August. Chairman Mattison will meet with the pit owner and discuss contract renewal options in the near future.

Several ordinance violations (junk cars in street right of way, dogs running at large and making unscheduled deposits on neighbors lawns, weed control, and lack of alleyway access) have been brought to the board's attention and need to be addressed. After a brief discussion of the various violations it was decided that the chairman and both supervisors would contact the people involved personally and try to resolve the issues. The clerk will make and post several signs about keeping the alley ways clear for garbage pickup, fire department access and general public safety.

The outhouse that is currently located at the cemetery will be moved back to the museum complex as soon as the loader is back in town. Since the changes were made at the riffle range there have been fewer problems reported. Supervisor Holmes reported no new action was taken on the satellite fire station research this month.

Fall Clean Up date has tentatively been set for October 3 and the fall/winter garbage pickup schedule has been posted. Halloween Trick or Treat Hours are tentatively set for 4-6 pm on Saturday October 31 and will be finalized after checking with the surrounding communities. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm after all bills were paid on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes.