

**Minutes Town of Amberg Board
Tuesday, September 13 2016—7:00 pm**

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

Shawn Sagen asked if: The Great American Disposal Company was separating out the recyclables as mandated by Wisconsin law or landfilling them with the garbage.

The clerk read the minutes of the August board meeting and reported on a joint election day project she was working on with Matt Parkansky, government teacher at Wausaukee High school, which would allow qualified students to volunteer at the polls during elections and earn community service hours toward their graduation requirements.

Treasurer Suzawith reported that there was \$31,472.70 in the general money market account, \$344.61 in the tax money market account, \$12,434.34 in the checking account, \$26,533.58 in the health savings account, and \$55,263.13 in the equipment cd. We will receive highway aides and shared revenue yet this year which will leave the Town with about \$79,000.00 left in budget to finish this budget year. Both reports were approved on motions made by Supervisor Holmes and seconded by Supervisor Werner.

Chairman Smeester reported that the regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan Commission took place Sept 7, 2016 at 6:30 in the Amberg Community Center. The topic of discussion was whether or not to recommend a variance for a proposed subdivision, by allowing an exception for a 16 year old csm. He reported that the land division ordinance changed in 2005 which changed the status of the csm making it no longer legal. After a long discussion it was agreed that although the lot sizes are very close to those currently permitted the parcel should be resurveyed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40. The Amberg Town Board unanimously denied the variance.

Margaret Mattison reported that at the September meeting of the Historical Society the members voted to purchase and install the heavier weight metal roof on the carriage house. Three members have experience with metals roofs and are willing to complete the installation. After a brief discussion the Amberg Town board, on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner, accepted the Historical Society's offer unanimously and the color of the roof was left to their discretion.

The Fire Department report is on file in clerk's office available for viewing. They received the second half of their operating funds from the town and a small donation. Expenditures were for equipment, supplies, materials, and the secretary's salary.

Chairman Mattison reported that the Barker Road TRIP project has been finished and the crew has been working on replacing culverts on Mundt Quarry and Westburg Roads, patching and brushing as time allows. There are still problems with the Town dump trucks tires overheating and blowing out. The mechanics that looked at them have not come to a conclusion as to why this was happening—whether it was the drum overheating, wheel bearings worn out or something else. It was suggested more air pressure should be in the tires. Mike Forney, a local business man, found that the wheel bearing were loose. When asked, Forney stated he would be willing to work on the town trucks if they involved small repairs. Supervisor Holmes made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Werner to have Forney replace the bearings, fluid, and seals before the snow flies. He will work on these tasks as his schedule allows. Supervisor Holmes strongly suggested that the entire board should have more input when it comes to road work and not rely solely on the Chairman.

According to Dale Fick there is only one door frame left to be repaired at the garage and fire department building. He will also add seals before finishing the project. Chairman Mattison cautioned that care must be taken going in and out of the garage doors due to equipment size.

Fall Clean-Up Day is scheduled for October 1st. Supervisor Holmes received confirmation that the large dumpster will be dropped off at the garage on Sept 30. The clerk asked if e-recycles would be included since our recycling vendor is no longer in existence. The board members confirmed that electronics will be included. A \$5.00 charge will be in place for TV's and Supervisor Holmes will talk to Herman Poltratz from the Town of Peshtigo about the e-cycling program.

The clerk reported that an emergency backup generator suitable for the Community Center will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to install according to information received from a local electrician. The next step will be to contact the County Emergency Management office and see if grant money would be available since the Center is a designated emergency center. There were no updates on the Fire Department satellite station.

A picnic license was approved, on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes and second by Supervisor Werner, for The Ranger City Riders on November 5 at their club house.

Treasurer Suzawith reported that the tax software program he uses will go up in price due to the company being bought out by another vendor. We currently paid \$450.00 per year which includes both the taxes and pet licensing. The new company is charging a fee of \$550.00 for the first year with an increase of \$150 after that which will include the pet licensing. The contract needs to be signed and returned before the end of the month and is payable in January. Supervisor Holmes made the motion to go with the new company at the increased price with a second by Supervisor Werner. It was unanimous.

Vouchers were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 on a motion made by Supervisor Werner and seconded by Supervisor Holmes.