

Town of Amberg Minutes of 08 Jan 2013 Town Board Meeting

Chairman, Matt Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00. Members present include Matt Mattison, Ron Holmes, Russell Werner, Pat Boshen, and Lisle Suzawith. Also attending were 8 community members

Open Floor – Supervisor Holmes brought up a misspelled Wausaukee sign and his attempt to get it corrected.

The December 2012 minutes were read and accepted with a correction on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. The treasurer's report shows the following balances: General Money Market \$81,315.31; Tax Money Market \$503,852.70 (which will be used for the settlement with the state, county, school district and vocational school taxes on January 15); loan balance on community center \$103,550.74; and the 2 CDs -- CD #1 \$127,920.25 and CD#2 \$66,631.24 plus the \$30,000.00 that was budgeted, respectively. Supervisor Holmes, seconded by Supervisor Werner made a motion to renew the cd's as stated at the current rate and approve the treasurers report.

The audit scheduled for the clerk's and treasurer's books will be postponed until next month at the request of the Treasurer.

On-going/Continuing Business

Plan Commission Report – Chairman Fred Smeester reported that the regular meeting was held Jan 2, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Mel Price had asked to be on the agenda but did not show up so discussion proceeded on the wind turbine siting issue. The commission looked at an ordinance from the Town of Union in Rock County. It is an extensive document with much research and will take a while to cover. They also reviewed a Towns Association model ordinance on large cattle operations. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

The Fire Department report is on file in clerk's office. No report was made by the Amberg Museum.

Road Department

The road crew has been busy snowplowing and sanding roads, and cutting brush. They also have removed all public Christmas decorations. Supervisor Holmes asked if the Barker road LTRIP project had received approval so it could be completed this year. Chairman Mattison checked on the prices for the equipment that the board voted to purchase last month with the following results: 9' wing blades, Peshtigo and Crivitz highway department shops have them on hand so they are available when needed; Lawn mowers are difficult to find with a smaller cut and prices vary by supplier (Countryside lawn mower list price -10%, Sears \$300 off list, (cheapest) Reisterer & Schnell \$500 off list); the 12-24 dual volt charger was priced at \$528 from J&R Auto and less if a straight 12 volt charger is purchased; the large mower with side arm boom and 3 point hitch if purchased new would be over \$100,000. The actual quote has not been received. Chairman Mattison suggested that it should have 4-wheel drive. The equipment purchases will be tabled till next month with the stipulation that Mattison keep looking for the appropriate models at the right price.

The board voted unanimously to keep the helipad at the ball field plowed during the winter on a request by the Fire Chief.

Chairman Mattison is trying to follow up on the building permit issues that were reported in December. He will try to address the issue through the assessor but from what he can tell the dwelling does not meet the

minimum size requirement and there are no permits issued. A letter was sent to the owner's Wausauke address.

The Medical Reimbursement Plan was brought back to the floor to add a section dealing with the disposition of accumulated employee's funds in case of his/her death before retirement or the funds are completely disbursed. It will be brought back to the February meeting for a final reading.

New Business

By unanimous action of the board the wages for temporary snowplow driver/equipment operator was increased from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour and the Chief Election Officer and Assistant Chief Election Officer from \$7.25 to \$7.50 per hour.

A one day Picnic permit was approved for the fire department Sweetheart Dance on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner.

The Town received a gift certificate from the Ranger City Rider Snowmobile Club and Supervisor Holmes, seconded by Chairman Mattison, made a motion to spend it at the local gas station on gasoline. Passed.

Bills were paid and Chairman Mattison made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Holmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Passed.

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