

**Town of Amberg**  
**Town Board Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, 14 May, 7:00 pm

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:01 with the entire board in attendance and 11 community members present.

Open Floor – None

The 16 April minutes were read and accepted on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes. Correspondence was received from Sand Wojick asking for support of the Wausaukee School District's Back to School Program. The clerk also announced that she filed an unclaimed property claim with the State Treasurer to obtain property listed in the Peshtigo Times as belonging to the Town of Amberg. The treasurer's report showed the following balances: Cash on Hand in General Money Market of \$16,317.91; Tax money market \$115,716.04; CD#1 \$127,920.25; CD#2 96,631.24; and Loan balance of \$ 91,683.53. Supervisor Werner made a motion to accept the report as read. Supervisor Holmes seconded the motion.

The agenda was revised to allow the Assessor Peter Liptack to address the board as mandated by new state requirements. He presented a series of facts about the Annual Board of Review Report including the 2012 and 2013 total assessed value of the township, equalized values, number of property inspections and changes there were in 2013 and the required reports that he is required to report on the town's behalf. He also updated his contact information.

On-going/Continuing Business

Plan Commission Report –The regular Amberg Plan commission monthly meeting was held April 1 at 6:30 in the Amberg Community Center. A draft of the wind turbine ordinance was reviewed, after many changes were suggested another draft will be ready for the next meeting. Meeting adjourned 7:55. Fred Smeester also added that the CSM for Mel Price was received from the county as a courtesy and no action is needed.

The Fire Department. Report -- on file in the clerk's office.

Amberg Museum Report: The annual spring bake sale will be on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The historical society will have a work day tomorrow and again on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They need the water turned on. Mark Pleyte is donating platform timbers for the depot. It was suggested that both sides of these timber be coated with sealant. Until the depot work is finished it will be closed to tours. After it reopens there are several new exhibits on display including an interactive Hobo exhibit.

Road Department

The road crew has been busy patching roads and has applied over 100 yards gravel. Work will resume on Barker Road in the near future in preparation for blacktopping approximately 1 mile from Wontor Road to Mattison Lane. If time allows the crew will begin working on Bell Crossing and the north end of Squaw Creek Road this year. Supervisor Holmes reported that we are falling behind on repairing roads and mentioned that the Town of Wausaukee asked their tax payers for extra funding to repair their roads and got it. He stated that this is one area that the board needs to do a better job on even if it means borrowing money to fund it. Lisle Suzawith remarked that the tax payers see the road condition not the other infrastructure that they pay for with their taxes so roads are "important".

Chairman Mattison reported that after completing the Tour of Roads on May 2 the roads appear to be in better condition this year in comparison to last year.

Discussion moved to equipment concerns/repairs/purchases. The 38" Poulan lawn tractor is in at Mathis's ready to be picked up at a cost of \$1029.99 for use in the cemetery. Chairman Mattison reported that the new dump truck and equipment package have been ordered and that the board members are considering purchasing a 1995 New Holland (Ford) diesel 4x4 tractor with a Tiger loader and boom mower from the Town of Newbold. It is listed at Wisconsin Surplus Online auction and Supervisor Holmes made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Werner to set a maximum bid at \$25,000 with the understanding that either Chairman Mattison or Road Crew foreman, Boffer look at it first.

#### New Business

Shooting Range Improvement Program Supervisor Holmes reported that there is money available for improving the shooting range through a 75/25 grant program. If the town were selected to participate the range would need to be made ADA accessible. He also stated that the town's 25% could be in labor, equipment usage, etc. If accepted, the grant start date would be for the 2014 physical year. Best management practices would need to be followed. One caveat is that if the range were to close the EPA requires lead reclamation at the shooting range.

Bills were paid and Supervisor Werner seconded by Supervisor Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.