

# Town Board Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, 13 August 2013

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Attending were Mattison, Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Clerk Boshen, and 9 citizens. Treasurer Lisle Suzawith was absent.

There was no open floor discussion.

The clerk read the minutes from the July 9 and July 25 meetings and read letters from Experience Works, thanking the town for their donation, and Horton Insurance introducing a new representative. Cash on Hand as of 8/12/13 included \$51,948.34 in the General Money Market account, \$65,826.24 in the Tax Money Market account, \$25,188.97 in the Checking account, \$128,154.96 in CD 1, \$96,893.38 in CD 2, and a loan balance of \$82,699.36. Both the clerk's and the treasurer's reports were accepted as read. A letter was also read from the assessor Peter Liptack stating that he did not find any substantial errors, questionable numbers or obvious mistakes for the Town's equalized values for 2013.

### On-going/Continuing Business

The regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan Commission was held at 6:30 pm on August 7, 2013 at the Amberg Community Center. The topic of discussion was the commercial farm ordinance. A model ordinance from the Towns Association was looked at and recommendations made to make it fit our Town better. The Chair will write up an ordinance with the recommendations for review at the next month's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

The Fire Department report has not been received as of yet.

The Amberg Museum well is still working off of barrels and will need further work. The planking donated by Mark Pleyte for the depot will be picked up and stored in depot over winter with installation next spring. Materials and labor for a fence were donated by Mark Pleyte and Russ Koster donated the painting.

Supervisor Holmes made a motion to approve the Town of Amberg Web Page proposed by the clerk with domain name and hosting not to exceed \$50/year. Supervisor Werner made the second. Passed unanimously

The road crew is hauling gravel on Barker Road in preparation for resurfacing. Supervisor Holmes reported that there is a dead tree located on Bolander and Town Corner Lake Roads on private property that needs to be taken down. Supervisor Holmes will call and ask for permission to remove the tree. The plow has been installed on the small pickup. Discussion ensued on whether the torsion bar be jacked up to support the plow better and the advisability of securing the plow when parked to prevent theft. Chairman Mattison stated that the new dump truck is waiting for correct plow to be installed. He also followed up with the dealer in Wakefield MI about the tractor with boom mower that was listed. Discussion then turned to the cost of purchasing a new tractor with boom mower. Information was obtained from a John Deere Salesman and a Diamond Mower Representative and it would cost about \$122,000. If a trailer mower and bucket were purchased it would significantly raise the price. Chairman Mattison stated that Chris Schoon was hired on a temporary basis to help the road crew. After a short discussion it was decided that the wage structure for general labor would be left as is.

Chairman Mattison talked to the owner if the Keep Out sign in the Wallace Rd right of way. It appears that it has been moved to the corner of bus turnaround.

#### New Business

A picnic license was approved for the Fire Department picnic on August 31. A request by the Fire Department for the purchase of approximately 120 cement blocks for the trailer slab, mortar sand, and re-rods for about \$225.00 was approved on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes, seconded by Supervisor Werner. Passed unanimously

Supervisor Holmes made a motion to remove the sunset clause from the ATV Club ordinance with a second by Supervisor Werner. Passed unanimously

The fall Town Clean Up day has tentatively been set for Oct 5 or 12<sup>th</sup> contingent on the participation of Good Will Industries. Clerk will contact Goodwill representative and schedule participation.

Bills were paid and a motion was made by Supervisor Werner to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm with a second by Supervisor Holmes. Passed unanimously