

Town of Amberg

Minutes Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, 8 Oct 2013

Chairman Mattison brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Clerk Boshen and eleven community members present. Treasurer Suzawith was absent.

Citizen input during open floor:

- George Kloppenburg asked if town was still cutting along the roads.
- Ruth Roush commented that the Dow Dam bridge approach is very nice.
- Lamers bus line complained about tree limbs and brush overhang on several town roads obscuring driver's vision and disabling antennas. Other locations were also noted in town along County V.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read on a motion by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes. In the absence of the Treasurer the clerk presented his report with general money market balance of \$69,472.02, tax money market \$65,850.44, checking \$60,227.44, equipment CD \$96,893.38 and loan balance of \$76,691.16. The clerk also reported that the levy request from the Wausaukee Rescue Squad has been received and needed signing.

On-going/Continuing Business

The regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan Commission was held Oct 2, 2013 at the Amberg Community Center at 6:30. The first topic of discussion was to review the CSM submitted for a division of the Dale Fick property. It was concluded that the division did not violate any ordinances and was recommended for approval. Then the draft of the Farm Ordinance was reviewed again and after discussion the basic parts were agreed upon. After moving some components and correcting typos the draft is very close to being recommended. It should be completed by next month. Copies were provided to the board to take home and read. The board accepted the plan commission's recommendation and approved the Fick plat on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. (Clerk instructed to forward to Lefebvre).

Wayne Ruechel sent two versions of the Building Permit and asked which one the board preferred. After a brief discussion the board agreed that both formats were acceptable and could be used.

The Fire Department Report has been received and is on file in the clerk's office.

Margaret Mattison reported that the Museum has closed for the winter months with the exception of Saturday Oct 26 Day in Amberg event. Fourteen people participated in the quarry walk, guided by Mike Churchill on Oct. 5 even though it rained. Chairman Mattison suggested that next spring the town will try to modify the well situation by adding a bigger holding tank to the existing well.

The Emergency Response Safety Procedures plan will be postponed until January.

Basement Storage arrangements will be postponed until winter.

Access to the area behind the ball diamond has been limited by the installation of gates provided by the snowmobile club. They are locked and will remain that way until the snowmobile trails open for the season. The keys will be stored in the office.

The board read through the ball diamond rental form revisions. They suggested changing the rental fee to \$50.00 and refundable deposit to \$50.00 and bring it back to the next meeting for a final reading.

Supervisor Holmes reported that the Fall Cleanup Day had approximately 39-40 participants. A total of three items with refrigerant were brought in for disposal. Four tv's, numerous microwaves, printers, and other e-cycles were brought in and taken to the Goodwill warehouse in Menominee MI. 2.24 tons of metal was recycled as well as 4 dump truck loads of refuse were taken to MAROCO.

Chairman Mattison reported that Barker road is finally finished and the shoulders have been graveled. All that's left is to turn in the appropriate TRIP fund paperwork. Trees were cut down on Wallace road and the crew graveled the approaches to the Dow Dam Bridge. The new dump truck has numerous problems such as an airline leak, chipping paint and snow tires that pick up gravel and throw it. Schultz will replace the leaking line and the board agreed that new tires should be purchased before the end of the budget year. The crew requested that 2 black tote boxes be purchased for the bed of the pickup truck to hold sand.

New Business

Tom Oldenburg asked the clerk to present his request for a change from a Class A liquor license to a class B license stating that it would allow him to sell liquor earlier in the day and to operate additional gambling machines. The board didn't feel that this was an adequate reason to change his license at this time and asked for more input. A one day picnic license was approved for the snowmobile club for its raffle and feed in November. Bartender licenses were approved for Heidi Ruscinski and Melony Casper for the Amberg Pub contingent upon all fees being paid and copies of responsible server course completion be turned in to the clerk.

Fire Chief Parr requested that the entry doors for the fire department and shop be replaced because they were becoming security risks. Chairman Mattison stated that he fixed the fire department side by placing bolts through where board is split to stabilize and reinforce it. He also stated that the garage door will have reinforced bolts/screws/etc.

The board set trick or treat hours for Halloween (10-31-2013) from 4-6 contingent upon what the surrounding communities were doing.

Supervisor Holmes, seconded by Supervisor Werner made a motion to have the Clerk become a registered notary. Motion passed unanimously.

The first budget committee meeting will be set for October 23 at 7 pm.

Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion passed unanimously.