

**Town Board Minutes**  
Tuesday, 13 May 2014  
Amberg Wisconsin

Chairman Matt Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm. Matt Mattison, Ron Holmes, Russell Werner, Pat Boshen and twelve community members were present.

During public comment Margaret Mattison asked if the water at the museum was working. She also asked if the town would donate labor to help install the new fence donated by Mark Pletye around the old house part of the museum complex. Ruth Roush asked if the Town could do anything about the unsightliness of the logged area on Down Dam Road. Glenn Zwengel commented about the amount of littering along several local roads.

The clerks report was accepted as read on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes. In the absence of the Treasurer, Supervisor Holmes provided the treasurers report listing \$28,179.01 in the general money market account, \$120,034.27 in the Tax money market account, \$31712.55 in the checking account, \$116,034.10 in the equipment Cd, loan balance of \$55,334.50 and HSA account balance of \$98,800.00. It was unanimously approved on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Chairman Mattison.

The clerk asked that the agenda be revised to add a bartender license request to item 15 under new business.

Planning Commission Chair Fred Smeester stated that the regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan commission met at the Community Center at 6:30 on May 7, 2014. The minutes were incomplete and will be presented next month. The main topic of discussion was to review the comprehensive plan. Several areas were looked at that the commission may recommend changing. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

The current fire department report is on file in the clerk's office. They received a donation from the American Legion Auxiliary, a grant from Wausau Insurance and purchased wipers, flag hooks, and miscellaneous supplies and materials in April. Pat Metko reported that the steering assist was repaired on the tanker, the auxiliary held a meat raffle, the DNR met with the fire department for an update, fire inspections will be completed by the end of May, picnic planning is currently underway and a hose testing session is planned for the near future.

The Road Department report was given by Chairman Mattison. He stated that the road tour was completed on Monday 12 May and even though some roads were problematic most were in good shape after the winter thaw and some of the gravel roads didn't even need grading. There are some roads that need gravel added such as Amberg Beecher Road. A thank you was received from Glenn Zwengel on behalf of the residents of Amberg Beecher Road for the effort that the Town has made to keep it in good winter condition. Chairman Mattison will schedule an appointment to get the new truck repaired before they get started graveling roads. The board decided to revisit the pressure washer generator issue in three months and after a brief discussion on how well it is working and the repairs that have been needed to maintain it in working order, Supervisor Holmes made a motion to have Chairman Mattison work with Weyers Co. to get the best deal possible on purchasing the mower with boom brush cutter. Supervisor Werner provided the second and it passed unanimously.

Supervisor Holmes stated that the rifle range needs to be cleaned up and will be measured and marked for improvements this week. Among several improvements a concrete slab will be donated, and small berms will be added at specific distances. He hopes to have the work completed by June 9.

Supervisor Holmes and Eric Wisette reported on the suggested emergency response safety plan format and policy changes.

The board discussed replacing the furnaces in the fire department/town garage and decided to bring the issue back next meeting with the intent to have them purchased and installed by next fall.

Town Clean Up day is Saturday May 17 from 8-12. Supervisor Holmes presented facts about using SGTS Escanaba Michigan Recycling Center to recycle the household, appliances, scrap metal, and e-cycle wastes at no cost to the town thus saving the Town over \$1000.00 in tipping fees, labor, and equipment usage as an alternative to the method we currently use. A brief discussion followed about the advantages of using the existing method this time and potentially using SGTS in the fall. Chairman Mattison stated that he thought the proposal was a good idea. The board unanimously agreed to try SGTS Recycling for the spring cleanup day.

A one day temporary Class "B" retailers license was approved the St Agnes Parish for a Polka party on June 1. The operator license for Kim Skau was tabled pending receipt of the paperwork, background check, and appropriate fee.

Not enough information was available to make a decision about replacing the Town Garage bay doors. It was decided to revisit this item next meeting.

Pat Metko presented materials quotes to enclose the trailer slab at the fire department. He said that Mathis Ace Hardware would cost \$6,100.00 for a 34x16x14 foot building with dormer on front over front door and vinyl siding and Menards would cost \$6,400 for roughly the same materials. He also stated that steel sheeting is a little less costly and the department would eventually like to insulate heat, run electricity, and install an overhead door to the area. All labor would be donated by fire department personnel and they would like to have it completed this summer if possible. It was decided to bring this item back next month after the tractor costs will be.

It was suggested that the Town create or update a Town Policy and Procedures Manual to include Emergency Response Safety Protocol Plan, Employee wages and benefits, Community Center usage, pavilion usage and other items as deemed necessary. The clerk stated that many of these components are completed or in progress but are in bits in pieces and she would work on locating and compiling them into a cohesive manual.

Bills were paid and supervisor Werner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 with a second by Chairman Mattison and passed.