

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 10 June 2014

Chairman Matt Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Matt Mattison, Ron Holmes, Russell Werner, Pat Boshen and 14 community members present.

Open floor—George Kloppenberg was complimented on the work he did with the Community Center garden.

The clerk's report was passed as read on a motion by Supervisor Holmes and a second by Chairman Mattison. No treasurer's report was available. The agenda was revised to address three new operator licenses at the beginning of the meeting.

On-Going/Continuing Business

Plan Commission Meeting Report—The regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan Commission was held June 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Amberg Community Center. The Commission and the Town Board looked at the recommended changes in title 6 and 15. The Commission and the clerk will work on proofreading and publishing the recommended changes. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Museum Report- Margaret Mattison requested help with replacing posts for new fence at museum stating that the museum crew will work with or around town workers as needed. George Kloppenburg has post hole digger available if needed and Tom Boffer offered the use of his skid steer. The plans for rebuilding the platform at the railroad depot were finalized and it was decided that a cement platform with stamped wood design would be more durable and easier than replacing the existing wooden one. The Town was asked to furnish the gravel base needed for the cement platform.

The Amberg Fire and Rescue Report is on file in the clerk's office. During the month of May they received a donation, fire suppression payment and purchased supplies, equipment, licenses and permits.

According to Chairman Mattison the road crew has been busy hauling gravel and has enough work to haul for a month. Most of the roads have been graded. Road repair work will begin on Squaw Creek or Bell Crossing road after the gravel work is completed. Mattison also stated that the County will pulverize the blacktop on Bell Crossing when they work on County V. One of the dump trucks is scheduled for repairs later this week and the trigger on the cutter switch is not working on the new tractor boom mower. It will possibly be repaired this week.

Supervisor Holmes reported that May Clean-Up Day didn't go perfectly. The new company did not take everything that they said they would. Supervisor Holmes contacted the owner who stated that he will come next time. It is also a possibility for GAD to drop off a roll off dumpster for landfill items. About 64 citizens participated in clean-up day and six tons of garbage was landfilled.

Supervisor Holmes provided an update on the Rifle Range upgrade saying that it was almost completed. The steel is scheduled for delivery on Thursday and a crew is ready to put the roof on the structure. Donated railroad ties were also obtained to create 4' berms for the firing range and new fencing will be installed later this year.

Three quotes were presented for replacing the furnace at the fire hall/garage. A/M heating, \$5000 (one furnace) American Comfort systems \$3700 (one furnace), and Dama Heating both furnaces and makeup air handlers \$9600 or if we do it correctly \$18500. The board decided to bring it back to the

next meeting.

The board discussed the two quotes obtained (Mathis Ace Hardware and Menards) to build an addition to enclose the Fire Department trailer. They also discussed cost of updating the town garage doors at an installed cost of \$5056.17 including automatic door openers. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to purchase and have Mathis install the garage doors and to purchase the materials from Mathis to build the trailer enclosure with Fire Department volunteers. Supervisor Werner made the second. Chairman Mattison objected to the lightweight materials that were quoted stating that they should be thicker and he would rather make up the difference price wise and do it right. Supervisor Holmes amended the motion to purchase and have Mathis install the garage doors and to look at the possibility of thicker sheeting and metal siding with a maximum price of \$6500 for the Fire department addition. Supervisor Werner again made the second.

The clerk is currently working on the Town Policy and Procedures Manual but stated that it will take a while to complete.

Two quotes were obtained for propane for the 2014-2015 heating season. They were Larsen Coop and Country Visions coop with a ten cent/gallon difference in price. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to contract with Country Vision for next year providing that the price quoted of \$1.539 was still in effect. Second by Chairman Mattison. Passed unanimous.

The Fire Department has requested a dedicated phone line with internet access to comply with non-emergency calls. After some discussion it was determined that the extra extensions in the Community Center, Museum, Old Town Hall, and garage could be disconnected allowing the Fire Department sole access to the 759-5436 number. According to the clerk an internet connection similar to the one at the museum could be installed allowing internet access via the town internet connection. More information and costs are needed and will be brought back to the next meeting.

On a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Chairman Mattison the following licenses were approved: Liquor license renewals were approved for the Amberg Pub, Amberg Party Store, Driftwood Enterprises, and Backwoods Bar; Operator licenses were renewed for Kathleen Hensch, Keith D. Nielsen, Jami Marie, Lisa Winscher, Margaret Jaramello, Thomas D. Oldenberg, Arleen Messenger, Karen Dintelman, Carey Hirte, Carrie Groy, Ashley McTrusty, Jeannie Bergles, and Peggy Johnson. New operator licenses for Mary Ann Herlache, Kimberly Skau, and Julie Sargent pending receipt of all paperwork. An operator's license was denied for Jessica Mathis due to lack of proof of beverage server course.

All bills were paid and a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm was made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes.