

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
Amberg Community Center – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by chairman, Matt Mattison with Mattison, Holmes, Werner and clerk Boshen present. Ten community members were also present.

Under open floor George Kloppenburg asked what do we pay Wausaukee Rescue for since all squad calls are billed to the person needing assistance? Adding an additional ATV route was also mentioned.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. The treasurer's report of: COH general MM \$21,072.48, tax MM \$120,357.19, checking \$31,336.91, Loan Balance \$46,066.88 was provided by the clerk in the absence of the Treasurer. When Bank North and Stephenson National Bank and Trust merge in October we will have to get different checks because of the change in routing number. The question from the clerk and treasurer was do we want to continue with this bank or look at other alternatives and do we want to upgrade the Quickbook software for the computer to include payroll functions. More information was requested before a decision will be made.

On-Going/Continuing Business

- Plan Commission Meeting Report- The regular monthly meeting of the Amberg plan commission was held Wednesday August 6, 2014 at the Amberg Community Center. The topic of discussion was a review of the comprehensive plan. It was decided to recommend a change in the ten-year limit on mobile homes, and to leave the 400 square foot limit on dwellings. Land use will be reviewed next month. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.
- Museum Report: The new porch on the Depot is completed. Tom Boffer recommended fill around edge of porch to prevent washout according to Supervisor Holmes.
- Fire Department Report: The report is on file in clerk's office. The department received the second half of their operating funds, two donations, and spent money on equipment, postage, repairs and maintenance.
- Road Department
Road work status/priorities—Supervisor Holmes suggested that the culverts under Bell Crossing and Squaw Creek be replaced before being resurfaced and use the removed culverts as replacements as needed on the gravel roads. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to have both Bell Crossing from the rail road tracts to Lanfear Road and Squaw Creek from County K about 1 mile pulverized this fall & replace the culverts. Supervisor Werner made the second. It was unanimous. Discussion turned to the section of Old 141 from County V to Amberg St. and its drainage problems. It was decided to have it pulverized this fall if possible on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. A resident asked that a Slow Children at Play sign be installed on that section of street also.
Under equipment concerns Supervisor Holmes made a motion to purchase 1 set of blades for the new tractor with rotary arm. Supervisor Werner made the second and it was unanimous. Bid Wyker has a Honda Generator suitable for use with the steam pressure power washer for sale for \$600 + the sales tax he paid. It is an 8000 watt generator with Honda motor and Mr. Wyker will bring it to Amberg for board to look at.
- Rifle Range update—Supervisor Holmes stated that the railroad ties are in place with dirt on them, 3' wide replaceable target boards are up, and the fencing and limestone will be put in

place this fall along with the change in the range sign to read Open during 9:00-3:30 during archery deer season and 9:00-5:00 during the rest of the year. He expressed a thank you to all who contributed to and helped upgrade the range.

- Furnace replacement for fire hall/garage will be brought back to the floor in September.
- Fire Department trailer enclosure update—Work is in progress as time permits.
- Town Garage insulated door update—all three new doors have been installed and are working properly.
- Fire dept. dedicated phone line with internet access—the 759-5436 phone number is now dedicated to the Fire Department. The clerk will talk with Tim from TEK Solutions in Iron Mountain and Ken Jones at the museum to determine what it would take to install a receiver and Wi-Fi software to create internet access similar to that in the museum at the Fire Department.
- Town Employee Handbook second reading—at the request of Supervisor Holmes the last page was changed to have all board members sign the at-will employment as well as the employee.

New Business

Supervisor Holmes reported that according to the building permits issued so far this year there is an increase of \$553,500 in building improvements. He also stated that the building permits will now revert back to Lisle Suzawith.

The current community center usage fee was discussed. The clerk suggested restructuring the fees because some rentals require the hall for multiple days to set up and take down and they are being charged the same amount as someone renting it for a single day. It was pointed out that the fee in either case rarely covered the cost of the utilities. The question was also raised about whether a local church group should be exempt from paying for building rental for a function and it was decided that if it was strictly for church use there would be a charge but if it were for a community activity there would be no charge.

The clerk presented a Website resolution and disclaimer to the board in support of the town's website at ambergtownship.com and discussed why it was necessary to have one on file. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to approve the resolution with the second made by Supervisor Werner. It was unanimous.

The Winter Garbage Pickup schedule is set with both sides of the road being picked up on Friday September 5 and then alternating weekly through Memorial Day beginning with the East Side of Highway 141 on Sept. 12.

After a brief discussion the Fall Clean-Up Day was set for September 6, 2014 from 8-12 at the town garage. Supervisor Holmes will contact the same recycling company that was here last spring and price out a large roll off garbage receptacle.

Halloween Trick or Treat hours were approved for Friday, Oct. 31, 2014 from 4-6 to coincide with those of the Town/Village of Wausaukee.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:20 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Werner and seconded by Supervisor Holmes.