

# **Town of Amberg Town Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday September 9, 2014

Chairman Matt Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 with Matt Mattison, Ron Holmes, Russell Werner, Lisle Suzawith, Pat Boshen and 12 community members present.

Under open floor citizens brought up the following concerns:

- Could Wontor Road be opened to ATV traffic up to Barker Rd.?
- Why are dogs being allowed at events on Town property that are posted no dogs allowed?
- Amberg is one of the last three towns in the area without a municipal court
- Vandalism has been done to town property with rocks thrown through windows in the old annex building and flowers damaged at the community center.

The clerk and treasurer's reports were accepted as read on a motion by Supervisor Werner and a second by Supervisor Holmes. The general money market contains \$83084.58, tax money market \$120,383.01, checking \$1,327.01, loan balance of \$42,976.92, health savings account \$9,892.03 after paying tonight's vouchers of \$11,341.20.

The agenda was revised to move the bartender license before dealing with the ongoing business. The board approved issuing a bartender license to Donna Bauer contingent upon receiving proof of completing a bartender class on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. Passed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan Commission was held Sept 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Amberg Community Center. The first order of business was a review of the ASA meeting in Athelstane. Most of the conversation centered on land divisions and how to handle them. Then the comprehensive plan was reviewed, and it was concluded that the regional plan commission needed to be contacted for updated information. The meeting ended at 7:45. Supervisor Holmes asked about the advisability of having a town zoning ordinance and asked for clarification on the age of mobile homes moving into the town.

No museum report was received.

The Fire Department Report is on file in office and shows that money was spent on repairs and supplies in the month of August.

Chairman Mattison reported that about 1 mile of Bell crossing and 1.25 miles of Squaw Creek have been pulverized and a one block section of Old 141 from V to Amberg St. will be pulverized next week. Supervisor Holmes suggested that the board have a special meeting to discuss drainage on Old 141. The replacement culverts are supposed to be in this week and rocks need to be dug out of the road bed. Before blacktopping gravel would have to be spread, and compacted. Supervisor Holmes asked if we should seek bids for final grading, compacting and blacktopping Bell Crossing, and the one block section of Old 141 this fall.

The Honda Generator the board was considering purchasing to power the steam pressure power washer works fine according to Chairman Mattison who proceeded to make a motion to purchase it with a second by Supervisor Holmes. Passed.

The furnace in the town garage half of the building appears to be running well so the fire hall furnace replacement issue will be brought back to the October meeting for action. The trailer enclosure

addition is progressing. The door needs to be power washed and repainted, and they are waiting for the steel to arrive for the siding installation. The 759-5436 phone number listed for the Town Garage is now dedicated to non-emergency usage by the fire department. The clerk reported that Wi-Fi installation for the garage using a new antenna and wiring would cost the fire department approximately \$300 for parts and installation which the board felt was a bit expensive at this time

The Fall Cleanup day was the smallest in memory according to Chairman Mattison. Supervisor Holmes reported that there were two tires and 40 drop offs which contributed to one dump truck load to Mar-Oco landfill. The roll off rented from GAD had the equivalent of two truckloads in it and the recycler's semi was about half full.

The Town Employee Handbook was approved after a final reading on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Chairman Mattison. Passed

The basement storage area is becoming overcrowded with the number of organizations wanting to have storage space on site. It was decided to set up a meeting with the local 4-H leader who has the largest storage space to review her current needs vs those of the other organizations.

Based on the clerk's report that the community center rental fee does not cover the actual cost of using the building and that many people pay for one day and often use one and one-half to two days to set up and take down for an event Supervisor Holmes made a motion to add an additional \$50 per half day fee to the contract. Supervisor Werner made the second. Passed

Under new business Supervisor Holmes made a motion to build a lean-to addition onto the west side of the annex storage shed before winter. The board briefly discussed the need for the addition to shelter the new mower and determined that a meeting should be arranged to measure the size and materials needed and discuss it further. The meeting was tentatively set for Thursday Sept 11 at 8:00 am.

Janice Lock and Pat Tank were approved to serve as alternates on the election board due to the loss of two members this year.

The clerk provided 2014 figures to date on budget expenditures and gave a tentative timeline to complete the budget process before deer season/Thanksgiving. The treasurer gave the board information on the projected cash on hand for the end of the year and asked if the Town of Amberg would be staying with the same financial institution after Bank North is merged into Stephenson National Bank. He also reported that the town would receive a \$100 credit toward replacing the blank checks on hand due to the change in routing numbers which was refuted by Chairman Mattison. The board consensus was that the Town would not change banks at this time. A budget meeting was set for 8:00 am on Tuesday September 30.

All bills were paid and the board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Russ.