

Town of Amberg Board Minutes Tuesday December 9, 2014

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00. Present were Matt Mattison, Ron Holmes, Russell Werner, Lisle Suzawith, Pat Boshen and 11 community members.

Under open floor Glen Swingle asked for a beer permit St. Agnes Church for June 6 2-6 pm polka dance. He stated that they would also be holding a dinner play in April and a rummage sale Memorial Day weekend. For that even he asked if Wright Street could be closed to traffic for ½ day. He will bring these requests back to the board closer to the planned dates. George Kloppenburg, on behalf of the Community Association, asked that a town board member goes with him to request old electric poles for Christmas decorations from a contractor in Beecher.

Clerk's Report and Treasure's Reports: Clerks report and treasurer's report were accepted as presented on a motion by Supervisor Holmes and a second by Supervisor Werner. Cash on Hand is \$117,262.03 in General money market; \$17,112.23 in checking; \$448.75 in tax money market; HAS \$9,891.35 and Loan balance is \$33,600.51. Total RE tax for 2014 payable in 2015 is \$1,220,326.00 and Total Gross Personal Property tax is \$5972.62

On-Going/Continuing Business

Fred Smeester reported that the regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan commission took place December 3, 2014 at the Amberg Community Center, at 6:30 pm. The first order of business was a report by the chairman to Ron Holmes and the Plan Commission about zoning. It is the opinion of some that a town under county zoning may not be able to write its own zoning ordinance. Discussion was then held on reviewing the comprehensive plan. Chapter 9 was reviewed, 10 will be reviewed next month. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk's office. Purchases include repairs and maintenance, clothing, postage, equipment, mileage to volunteers for fires, salary to chief, assistant chief, treasurer, and secretary.

Chairman Mattison reported that the sand/salt mix is difficult to obtain this year, and he thinks this winter will be similar to last year for roads. Driveways have only been plowed once. Road work priorities for next year include completing the work started on Squaw Creek Road of replacing culverts, gravel and blacktop. Supervisor Holmes added that if there is enough money in the budget Down Dam Road should be wedged and chip sealed to extend its life. There is a clay heave on one corner and water over the road quite often near the old dump that also needs to be taken care of. The crew was working on replacing several broken U-bolts on one of the dump trucks when it fell on the foreman bruising his shoulder.

Further work on the lean-to addition to the garage annex storage shed will be held up until spring. The poles were put in place after first snow.

Supervisor Holmes talked to Chad Schroeder from Dama Plumbing and Heating about the furnace replacement for the fire hall and there will be no increase in price from the first quote. It is scheduled to be installed before end of year. The furnaces have been ordered and they are looking at where to hang them.

The Fire Department trailer enclosure is over budget by \$45 as of the end of November. Any further costs will be paid out of fire department auxiliary funds

The cleanup of the 4-H area in the basement will be completed by the next meeting and the peg board walls will be removed.

The Town's insurance agent was contacted and will follow up on a workman's comp claim filed with Bituminous Insurance on why no action was taken on the claim.

The clerk requested clarification about employee holiday pay on whether the employees must work their scheduled day before and after the holiday to receive the holiday pay or if they can take a personal day or an unpaid leave as long as there is no snow or other event that would require their being on the job. The board decided no changes were needed to the current practice.

The board members briefly went over the ordinance recommendations that have previously been presented and will consider the adoption of the amendments to the Town Code of Ordinances after January 1st in order for the clerk and plan commission chair to ready the materials and publish the changes.

All bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm on a motion by Supervisor Werner and seconded by Supervisor Holmes.