

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday May 12, 2015

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 with Mattison, Holmes, Werner, Suzawith, Boshen and seventeen community members present.

The clerk's and treasurer's reports were presented and approved as read. The treasurer reported that there is \$19,375.39 in the general money market, \$121,163.45 in the tax money market, \$15,665.12 in the checking account before tonight's vouchers were paid, \$19,897.84 in the Health Savings Account, \$25,000 in the Equipment CD and a loan balance of \$17,798.23. The clerk requested the town purchase a used color laser printer with extra color cartridges for \$100.00 which was granted on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner.

Glen Swingel requested that McClellan Alley be blocked off for the Memorial Day rummage sale hosted by the parish. A picnic license was granted to St. Agnes Parish on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes and passed unanimously.

Chairman Fred Smeester reported that the regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan Commission was held May 6, 2015 at the community center at 6:30 pm. A request was received by Steve Mattison for a variance from the setback ordinance, so he can put an addition on his house. The addition would be 45 feet from the road. The ordinance requires 62 feet. But since the house is only 37 feet, and title 15-1-12-C-4 has criteria to address grandfathered non-compliant buildings, the plan commission went out to the site. After looking at the staked out area it was thought that a variance might not be necessary, but voted to recommend one just in case any questions would come up later. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to grant Mattison the variance for addition with Supervisor Werner making the second. Passed unanimously.

The Fire department report was received and is on file in the clerk's office. A donation was received and monies were spent on equipment, postage, and membership dues.

Chairman Mattison reported that the water quality test results are not back yet. He suggested that bottled Culligan water could be used at the museum in the interim for drinking water. Mattison stated that there is enough water at the museum for bathroom use. If the museum is hooked up to the existing well right now the flow is about 200 gallons/hr. He also stated that he personally has put in about 50-60 hrs. of labor fixing the well. It is 394 feet from the Community Center to the museum hookup. Mattison also thought a 4" pipe with smaller pipe through it would be a better solution if it will be run from the community center and at end of season the water would need to be blown out of the pipe. When the water quality report is back a special meeting will be called.

Chairman Mattison reported that the road crew has been busy patching and brushing and has not had time to begin working on Squaw Creek. The cemetery also needs to be cleaned up for Memorial Day. He also took the one dump truck up to Schultz and had it realigned with a laser and feels that it drives ok now. While he was there several minor issues were taken care of. Supervisor Holmes made the comment that "It needs to be watched because it is expensive to replace tires yearly." The No Motorized Vehicle signs have been placed at the dump as a deterrent to atv's etc.

The Cemetery Rules and Regulations brochure received its final reading and was approved on a motion by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes. It was unanimous.

The Spring Road Tour has been finished and there is a difference in opinions as to their shape. Chairman Mattison thinks they are not in too bad of shape and Supervisor Holmes thinks that many need to be addressed like Dow Dam which needs to be wedged and chip sealed to extend its useable life.

The basement storage unit is empty as of today. Barb Kolosowski offered the existing sheets of peg board and the 2x6 lumber to the town for \$75.00. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to purchase those materials at the offered price with a second by Supervisor Werner. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Mattison hasn't been able to address the junk car issue in town due to no one being home when he stopped. A brief discussion was held about if the state required the owner of multiple inoperable cars to have a junk dealer license. It might be that only unlicensed vehicles on street right of way can be addressed.

Supervisor Holmes reported that there were about 90 residents participating with garbage and recycled materials for Town Clean Up Day. Sixty-five dollars-worth of tires were dropped off. All e-cycles and appliances were also taken for recycling. An audience member stated that Norbs recycling out of Denmark recycling tires cheaper than landfilling so Supervisor Holmes asked him to get a contact name and number.

Under new business Tom Boffer used his skid steer last fall for the Town and should be reimbursed for the use of the equipment. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to reimburse him \$300.00 for its use with a second by Chairman Mattison. It passed unanimously.

Two issues from the annual meeting were also addressed:

- Supervisor Holmes made a motion to quit plowing private driveways after the 2015-2016 winter season as recommended by the citizens at the annual meeting. This timeline will be followed in order to provide adequate notice for customers to find alternate methods of snow removal. He also checked and found several people in the area who do this for a living. The clerk was asked to update the town web page to reflect this change. Supervisor Werner provided the second and it passed unanimously.
- Supervisor Holmes also brought to the floor building a satellite fire station in White Rapids as voted on by the annual meeting citizens. He made the motion that the Town of Amberg shall construct a satellite fire station as near as possible to the intersection of CTH K and Marek Road. This area will best serve most of the residents of the White Rapids area who are not presently covered by Amberg Fire and Rescue's Fire Protection Class 7 rating. He further moved that Supervisor One be tasked with exploring costs, land acquisition and the particulars of the proposed building which is projected as essentially a 2-stall garage with restroom, insulated and heated, with well and septic system, and 12 foot doors to accommodate fire equipment. Supervisor One will contact both Athelstane and Middle Inlet Fire Departments as to their requirements and what they have learned since building their satellite stations. No tax payer dollars will be spent without returning to the entire Town Board for approval. Supervisor Werner seconded the motion. Chairman Mattison stated that he thought it would have to go to referendum before built but was all for it if tax payers are in favor of it.

Vouchers were paid and meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm on a motion by Supervisor Werner and a second by Supervisor Holmes.