

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Clerk Boshen, Treasurer Suzawith and eight community members present. The pledge of allegiance was recited and the floor was opened to the public. Mark Wisinski asked the board to reconsider applying for a broadband grant stating that Amberg is underserved and the availability of broad band would be a benefit for the community as well as a draw to bring more people in. A question was also raised asking if the Town workers have highly visible safety clothing to wear when working.

The clerk read the minutes of the December meeting and a letter from the Wausaukee School Administration thanking the Board for allowing them to present an update on the status of the District. She also informed the board of a budget short fall for 2017. After explaining where the problem was and transferring excess funds from general government accounts the board discussed possible solutions. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to take \$19,245.41 from the equipment cd to cover excess equipment and truck repair expenditures from 2017. Supervisor Werner made the second and it passed unanimously.

The treasurer reported cash on hand in the general money market account is \$100,384.54, tax money market account \$65,9775.19, checking \$760.03, health savings account \$23,240.23 and the equipment cd \$8,829.14. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to accept both clerk and treasurers reports with a second by Supervisor Werner. Vouchers in the amount of \$31,384.15 were paid with the January settlement of \$458,127.37 due Jan. 15.

On-Going/Continuing Business

Fred Smeester, chairman of the plan commission reported that the monthly meeting was held Jan. 3, 2018 in the community center at 6:30 pm. The first topic of discussion was the wording of the amendment to Title 14. Wording was agreed upon and will be showed to the board. Then the commission looked at an ordinance for campers from the Town of Stephenson. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk's office.

Supervisor Holmes reported that the Rescue Squad has finally begun meeting on its new date.

Chairman Mattison said that the road department has been patching roads, cutting brush, graveling and plowing snow as needed. The contract with Rosella Smiley for ten thousand yard of gravel was signed and Supervisor Holmes made a motion to increase the contracted amount of gravel from the 10,000 yard to 15000 if she would agree. Supervisor Werner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jim's truck is beginning to have mechanical issues again and will have to be dealt with in the near future and the trucks are also in need of some new plow blades. We obtained 118.29 tons of sand/salt mix at \$30.00/ton from Marinette County so far this snow season.

The Town is still looking for someone to open and close the community center through the Experience works/SEP program but no one has been available to return the clerk's calls.

Under new business the board agreed to wait to schedule gravel crushing this spring until it was determined if the Town could purchase additional gravel from Rosella Smiley.

The clerk reported that town computer was hacked in November and December and held for ransom with money being paid for “services and goods” that were actually free. The sheriff’s department was notified and complaints were filed with them and the FCC. The sheriff’s deputy said it was unlikely that any of the money paid out would be recoverable.

All vouchers were approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes.