

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 8, 2019– 7:00

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mattison, Supervisors Holmes and Werner, Clerk Boshen, Treasurer Suzawith and twelve community members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Under Open floor Sue Mayes questioned how the parking should be handled at the Cleveland apartments for snow cleanup. Mark Wisinski commented that a better job should be done scraping the roads after snow and/or ice storms. George Kloppenburg asked that traps be placed around the community center to catch the rabbits that are currently eating the plants and damaging the trees in the community center gardens.

There were no revisions or changes to the minutes from the December meeting. Clerk Boshen questioned several bills that were received as to the validity of them and asked for board input. Mattison said he would follow up on the GAD bill and Boshen will check on the validity of the others.

Treasurer Suzawith reported that there were the following balances: General money market \$190,677.6; tax money market \$298,895.30; checking \$6,526.50; health savings account \$28,297.45; and equipment cd \$97,058.44. He also reported that the first quarter highway aid payment was received this week.

On-Going/Continuing Business

Fred Smeester, plan commission chair, called sheriff's department about the process of having the county serve papers on a property owner. It would cost the town each time a deputy would attempt to serve the papers. It was decided to watch for when the property owner is there and then notify the sheriff's department since it was determined that the property owner is only there on some weekends and will probably resist being reserved. After a brief discussion the board consensus is to hold off until spring before resuming attempts to contact property owner.

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

Supervisor Holmes attended the December meeting of the Wausaukee Rescue Squad and the status is still the same. They need bodies to staff the squads to remain running. George Kloppenburg did not have anything to report at this time. He will talk to county personnel and get more information if possible on what happens if there is no emergency service coverage for a Town/s.

Chairman Mattison reported that he had been to the County Highway Shop and turned in all of the paperwork needed to obtain partial reimbursement for the Hardwoods Road culvert. He also stated that Morin did a good job on the repair and the Town of Amberg supplied fifteen quad axle loads of gravel to complete the project.

There was a legitimate offer for \$1250.00 on the sickle bar mower but it would not start due to an issue with the solenoid when the purchaser came to pick it up. The problem was fixed and the mower will be parked at the shop until spring when it will again be advertised for sale. The new mower bar needs new parts and bolts to be safe to use. Supervisor Holmes will order the parts and bolts needed and Chairman Mattison will pick them up when available. Both Jim and Verlyn requested training on using the mower before spring.

The main frame on Jim's truck plow broke and it will cost \$1700.00 for a new one and \$1200 for a remanufactured one. Mattison said that he could weld it but (Casper equipment it would not hold up to welding).

The following equipment was requested for the Town Garage: 2 ceiling fans, a heavy duty jumper cable, ratchet tie downs, big channel locks, and new heavier chains for the tie downs. Mark Wisinski volunteered to make a set of jumper cables if the Town wants him to.

Continued discussion of the potential road work for next year will be continued as needed. The Town has already entered into an agreement to work jointly on Squaw Creek with the Town of Wausaukee and is looking at how much of Wontor Rd. can be completed with the highway funds budgeted. Supervisor Holmes suggested measuring from the corner and seeing how far west we can go with the goal being one mile of work completed.

Fran Campbell is the new SER SCES worker at the community center. She is doing a great job in cleaning the building and has requested additional cleaning supplies. One of the gym furnaces has quit working and shows a 58 code. Discussion centered on whether we can fix it in house or need to call in a repair person such as Jacobsen Furnace or Phil Jacobs out by Northwoods Bar.

Under new business Mark Wisinski asked for funds to do maintenance on the Old Town Hall, Museum, and Railroad Depot since they will eventually need painting, shingles, window replacement and be made weather tight. The first goal is to replace ten windows and they currently have volunteer labor willing to work. Mike Churchill asked what amount would be needed to get the weatherproofing project started. Chairman Mattison made a motion to put \$500 toward building repairs with a second by Supervisor Holmes. Passed unanimously.

GAD sent a retroactive bill for undercharging the town for garbage pickup for 2017 and 2018. They did not notify the Town of Amberg of any rate increases during that time period. Mattison will go talk to them about the issue.

Due to the absence of Chairman Mattison during February the monthly meeting will be changed to February 5th on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner.

All vouchers were paid and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes.