

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2019

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Supervisor Werner, Supervisor Holmes, Clerk Boshen and fourteen community members present. The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mattison opened the floor for citizen input.

Tom Oldenburg had numerous questions for the board about the condition of the town roads over the past winter season including, why can't the grader, if operable, be used to clear the ice from the roads? He also asked for maintenance records of the equipment, including cost of repairs, etc. and for more information on the condition of the roads in winter. Oldenburg stated that he would be willing to help the town develop a plan and will continue to come to the meetings until he gets answers. It is the same problem over and over. He also asked to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to get answers to the questions from last meeting, this meeting, and future meetings. Greg Savaglia supported Oldenburg's requests and asked why the town crew is not picking up trash on side of road, sitting discarded mattresses on Old 38 Rd in the Town of Beecher as an example. He also stated that cold patching has not been completed all the way down State Quarry Road past the culvert to where he lives, rural internet should be pursued, the Town roads are in bad shape all year long not just in winter and asked why the side roads are not mowed more than once a year. Dan Derecks asked that the Board please take Oldenburg's requests seriously since he and his wife slid into the ditch this winter on Dow Dam Rd. George Kloppenburg, stated that the county board is trying to get information from County on the progress on an internet grant it has been working on.

The clerk's and treasurer's reports were accepted as presented by the Clerk on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. (COH Gen MM 99192.53, Tax mm 177502.06, checking 23532.12, has 28314.00, equipment cd 97249.89)

On-Going/Continuing Business

Chairman Smeester reported that the regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan commission was held May 1 2019 at 6:30 in the community center. A short review of the property on Marek road was conducted. The rest of the time was spent giving background info to newest member Mark Wisinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

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

No Rescue Squad Report was provided according to Supervisor Holmes due to the meeting being held next week Tuesday.

Chairman Mattison reported that all equipment is currently fixed and operational. The road crew suggested purchasing materials to do body work on the pickup truck to extend its life. It was also noted that the motor oil used in the appropriate town vehicles needs to be replaced with the correct 15W40 diesel rating. Supervisor Holmes stated that he ordered a barrel of 15W40 engine oil that would be delivered within the week. Roads are being patched as time allows since there are many culverts that need attention. Mattison said that he needs to talk to the Town of Wausaukee about how many loads of gravel we need to supply for the joint Squaw Creek road project. The annual tour of roads was conducted on Wednesday, May 8 by the Town Board and it was noted that the gravel roads need grading, and several roads should be returned to gravel. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to have the board members prioritize the paved roads with a four ranking and bring them back to the next meeting for discussion. The town's grader is operational in all but the 5 range so it can be used for grading according to Mattison. As a follow-up to purchasing a utility trailer Mattison did not get to the sale as anticipated but stated that he has several trailers that might be usable and

Supervisor Holmes stated that he is willing to sell his utility trailer to the town for \$1000. The shop supplies have not been purchased as of yet. The clerk is waiting on the credit card application she applied for in the Town of Amberg's name.

Community Center Building follow-ups: Chairman Mattison reported the north furnace was fixed as of this date by Dama. It was suggested that all of the furnaces be gone over before winter sets in and that they may need to be replaced in the future.

The Guardian Pest Solution contract was renewed for this year and the technician was here on Monday and sprayed the outside of the building, replaced traps and completed the monthly work.

Chairman Mattison and the board members did a tour of the museum and noted there are repairs necessary that need to be tackled in the future. Mike Churchill reported that the roof on Tower needs to be replaced or repaired. Mattison stated that he would bring in his man-lift next week. Supervisor Holmes stated his appreciation of the fact that people are willing to volunteer to work on the repairs. He also suggested that according to John Lefebver block grants are available from the M&M foundation and other sources if someone would apply for them.

Supervisor Holmes reported that Spring Clean Up-Day was successful with a lot of things brought in on Saturday. There were ninety-eight drop-offs. Money collected for tv's was paid to Tom Roerdink for recycling them. Some revisions need to be made for future Clean-Up days including limits on how many pickup loads will be accepted per household, clarification of what is included as building material and what is not acceptable like used bags of kitty litter.

Under new business the library contract was extended for one year on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. Only one bid was received for pulverizing Wontor road. It was from NEA for \$6455 with the Town being responsible for the knockdown of the estimated one mile of road. Supervisor Holmes made the motion to accept the bid and suggested calling and asking for two-three weeks to get things out of the roadway before the pulverizing. Supervisor Werner made the second and motion carried.

The board adjourned into closed session to discuss a pay increase for the road crew on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner. A motion was made by Supervisor Holmes to increase Jim Parr salary by \$0.25/hr. and Verlyn Giguere by \$1.00/hr. with the second by Supervisor Werner. Passed unanimously. Board reconvened back into the regular meeting and announced the decision reached in closed session. All vouchers were paid and Supervisor Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm with the second made by Supervisor Werner.