

**Minutes Town of Amberg Board Meeting  
Tuesday August 13, 2019**

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Clerk Boshen guest Jim Pickett and thirteen community members present. The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Mattison opened the floor for public comments. *Casey Pszanka reported that the blacktop on Marquis Road near his house was deteriorating due to increased travel, excessive speed, and increased ATV/UTV usage. Noise pollution has also increased due to the increase in use. He requested that the board return Marquis Road to local ATV/UTV access only and reduce the speed limit. Mark Wisinski questioned the \$10,000 cost of new snow plow –can the existing plow be repaired, is the replacement due to the trip edge or something else, and why doesn't the town bid out the project. He stated that in his opinion it is foolish spending on the Town's part. George Kloppenburg relayed to the board that Lisle Suzawith said Hello and hopes to be home soon.*

The board accepted the minutes of the July meeting as read by the clerk. No treasurer's report was given due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Under on-going/continuing business:

- 1) Jim Pickett of Rural Mutual Insurance introduced himself and gave a brief overview of what his company can offer the Town stating that it is endorsed by the WTA can package all types/form and endorsements in house including Workman's compensation. He stated that Rural Mutual provides coverage for several local Towns and Villages in Marinette County and does good job insurance wise. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to proceed in obtaining quote for insurance coverage including workman's compensation. Chairman Mattison provided the second and it passed unanimously.
- 2) Chairman Smeester reported that there was no topic for discussion so no Plan Commission meeting was held in August. He did attend the joint meeting with Athelstane and Silver Cliff.
- 3) The Fire Departments monthly report is on n file in the clerk's office
- 4) Supervisor Holmes reported that at the July 16 Rescue Squad meeting the topic of discussion was about trying to get other local towns and village involved with the squad's board of directors About four new people signed on as first responder/drivers
- 5) Road Department Report—
  - There is a fluid leak in boom mower tire. Casey suggested the tire should have the rust cleaned out and a tube inserted in the tire.
  - Culvert work still needs to be done on the end of Downing Road, patching is ongoing, and the shouldering of Squaw Creek road and Wontor Road is on hold until the blacktop hardens more.
  - The question was asked whether it is the Town's or County's responsibility for replacing the crushed culvert at the junction of Amberg Wausaukee Road and County C. A complaint was voiced about the crushed limestone filling some potholes on Amberg Wausaukee road and asked that signs be erected to warn drivers of the fact.
  - It was recommended by Supervisor Holmes at the last board meeting that the Town

open discussions with the owner of the gravel pit that supplies the Town now for crushing in the upcoming year. Chairman Mattison stated that he talked to the pit owner and the Town still has about 5000 yds. standing and that we were shorted 800 yards when the gravel was last crushed. He will continue the discussion with the owner about renewing the contract at this time.

- Six first aid kits for the road department vehicles were approved at the July meeting. Mattison check prices at several vendors and stated that Mathis Ace hardware can order them at a competitive price. Supervisor Holmes made the motion to obtain the kits from Mathis hardware with metal cases.
- Supervisor Holmes sent pictures of the plow mount to confirm that the new plow would fit the mounts on the front of the truck. Chairman Mattison recommended that carbide serrated blades be purchased. After additional discussion Supervisor Holmes made a motion to order the plow and have it shipped to Little Chute/Kaukauna to be mounted on the truck. Mattison seconded the motion and it was unanimous. Mattison suggested getting the blade in DePere where we purchase them last year.
- After a short discussion on lowering the speed limit and the process it entailed, Mattison and Holmes suggested having sheriff's department monitor the speed on Dow Dam Road and the ATV/UTV speed on Marquis Rds. County Board Supervisor Kloppenburg volunteered to mention it to the sheriff.

#### Under new business:

1. Supervisor Holmes mentioned the 90%/10% funding initiative for road funding which averages to about \$400,000/county. We would need to look at what economic improvement this would benefit (forestry, agriculture, tourism). Example: Dow Dam heavily used for forest stumpage.
2. A request was received to close a street for a pig roast/veteran's event. Mattison will inform the organizers of the requirement needed to close a street.
3. Requests were received from both Supervisor Holmes and Clerk Boshen to attend the Town's Association workshop on September 9<sup>th</sup> in Wabeno. Chairman Mattison made a motion for both to attend at the Town's expense with the second provided by Supervisor Werner.
4. All vouchers were paid and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Werner with the second by Supervisor Holmes at 8:14 pm.