

Town of Amberg Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2019 – 7 pm

Amberg Community Center

Chairman Mattison called the board to order at 7:00 pm with Mattison, Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Clerk Boshen, Treasurer Suzawith and four community members present. The pledge of allegiance was recited and no one spoke during open floor.

Clerk Boshen read the minutes of the December 2019 meeting into the record and it was accepted as correct on a motion by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner.

Treasurer Suzawith reported that the first quarter highway aides have been received and are up over last year. In his financial statement he reported that there is \$212,151.66 in the General Money Market account, \$20,728.17 in the checking account (versus \$19.36 at the end of last year), \$33,361.20 in the Health Savings Account, \$127,837.21 in the equipment cd, \$676436.93 in the tax money market account, and a carryover from 2019 of \$78,415.02. Tonight's approved vouchers total \$416,909.96. Report approved on a motion by Supervisor Werner with second by Supervisor Holmes.

The agenda was revised to allow Ms Sequin who is running for the vacant position of the Marinette County judge's bench to address the audience first.

On-going/Continuing Business

Jane Kopish Sequin introduced herself as a candidate for Circuit Court Judge to replace Judge Miron when he retires in July. She is a Marinette county native and currently the Marinette County Court Commissioner and Register in Probate with over 21 years of experience on the bench where she have dealt with criminal, civil and family cases. She spoke for about fifteen minutes about her background and qualifications and answered questions.

Chairman Fred Smeester reported that the regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan Commission took place January 2, 2020 at the Amberg Community Center at 6:30 pm. The first order of business was to look at the variance request form after it was modified from last month. Members agreed it was ok, and approved it. Next, a change in the building permit application was looked at and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. There was a brief discussion if a \$10 fee should be included for building removal. Supervisor Holmes moved to accept the revised variance ordinance form as presented with a second by Supervisor Werner. Unanimous.

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

Supervisor Holmes reported that the new Rescue Squad is now in full service and he will attend next Tuesday's meeting.

Road Department Report—

1)Chairman Mattison spoke about how the change in the road sanding method is working a bit better; 2) the repairs needed on the town equipment over the last month; 3) his lack of progress securing a new contract with the gravel pit owner at this time; 4) the success on sending a letter to a

resident who had been plowing snow across a town road creating a hazard; 5) and the need for a backup snowplow driver while Jim Parr is absent for several days. A request was also made to widen Wontor Rd when plowing and potentially changing the speed of the plow truck to create less chattering and bumps on the road surface.

No word has been given on who will receive funding through the Multimodal road grant as of yet. We have been notified that we get the LTRIP funding this year for Marquis Rd. The members of the board talked about finishing the work on Marquis from the end of the last job and go as far as possible around the corner to repair some additional heavily damaged sections.

Discussion turned to revising the ATV/UTV ordinance to bring it in line with Marinette County's, along with wording changes to the building permit application, the application for a variance and fee.

Discussion continued on the purchase of a F450 diesel truck to include a v-plow with trip edge, sander on back, and a stainless steel dump box using a 50/50 grant. Supervisor Holmes questioned the size and type of box needed for the Town of Amberg and it was also discussed if the truck should be diesel or gas driven. There is also the possibility that the Town could purchase the new vehicle not only with 50/50 grant money but also using the Marinette County fleet or State purchase price.

After a brief discussion it was decided to hold an ordinance hearing at 6:00 pm preceding the regular town board meeting on Feb. 11 to discuss the above listed changes. A five (5) minute time limit will be enforce for those who wish to speak. IT was also decided to get the bid notice out by the next board meeting for the Marquis Road LTRIP project on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes.

The clerk's and treasurer's books were audited and found to be in balance with no discrepancies.

Vouchers were paid and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 on on a motion by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes.