

Minutes of the Amberg Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:00 pm

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Center gym with Mattison, Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Treasurer Suzawith, Clerk Boshen and eight citizens present. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Under open floor a resident living on Marquis Road asked how long the road would be under construction. George Kloppenberg asked that the board recognize Eleanore Forney in her passing for all the work she did for the town as a resident, clerk, and supervisor. Mark Wisinski remarked that the co-vid testing site at the Crivitz shop would run through Thursday for anyone who wished to get tested. He also commented that the Town should hire out the hauling of gravel to someone with larger capacity dump trucks during road construction rather than relying on the smaller dump trucks the town owns.

The minutes of the April meeting are in the board packets. Treasurer Lisle Suzawith reported the following balances: General money market \$151,455.31; Tax money market \$260,091.86; checking account \$3,669.36; Health Savings Account \$128,059.76; Equip cd \$128,059.76. Today's vouchers were \$10,166.02. Tax collections: Real property taxes \$874,486.32; Personal Property Tax \$3,978.32; and special assessments \$40,213.04 totaling \$918,677.52 collected. There were 45 dog licenses issued to date. Supervisor Werner made a motion to accept the reports as presented with the seconded provided by Supervisor Holmes. Passed unanimously.

On-Going/Continuing Business

Chairman Smeester reported that there have been no plan commission meetings for the last two months. Fred Smeester, Mike Churchill, and Mark Wisinski's terms are up for reappointment and since no one else has shown interest the Town board members voted unanimously to reappoint them.

The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk's office and Supervisor Holmes stated no rescue squad report was available.

Road Department

The board approved the new five year contract negotiated between Chairman Mattison and Rosella Smiley to supply the Town of Amberg with 10,000 yards of gravel at \$1.10 yard in addition to the 800 yards still owed from the prior contract. Chairman Mattison asked the board members if the town should seek bids or quotes for crushing the gravel this year. Supervisor Holmes suggested quotes and they unanimously agreed to obtain quotes which will be brought back to the next meeting for approval. Chairman Mattison obtained a quote of \$72,804 for fixing the worst of the cracks and micro sealing Black Sam Road from the highway to Mundt Quarry Rd. The board unanimously decided the project was too costly. Supervisor Holmes suggested talking to Pat Schlias at Scott Construction about obtaining a quote for wedging and chip sealing. Verlyn Giguere suggested the town crew could make the appropriate equipment for the town to seal cracks. It was decided that the new plow attachment for the one dump truck should be fixed before snowfall.

Marquis Road was marked for construction to begin with pulverizing beginning next week. Several culverts might have to be replaced. They also mentioned looking at the section of road in front of the Janice Holmes' house where the road surface has deteriorated badly. Amberg Wausaukee Road & County V's swimming hole in middle of road is expanding even though

Mattison said water has evaporated about 1-2" Marinette County Hwy Dept has not done anything with it yet. Mark Wisinski asked if the landscaping has changed in some way to prevent it from draining. At this point it is a joint problem between the towns of Wausaukee and Amberg and Marinette County. After a brief discussion the board unanimously decided to postpone the tour of roads until 2021 since the passer report was submitted to the state last year.

Discussion continued on the benefits of switching the community center's florescent lighting to l.e.d's. Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes made a motion to do the offices as a trial. Motion passed unanimously.

The board previously agreed to budget \$300 to update the cemetery location markers with 6" metal spikes. Chairman Mattison stated that galvanized 8" steel spikes would be more appropriate. The cost of switching to the galvanized 8" spikes would double the cost according the clerk who did the price comparisons. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to raise the budget the \$600.00 with Supervisor Werner providing the second. It was unanimously approved.

New Business

After a brief discussion the board agreed to set the Annual Town Meeting Date on June 9th at 7:00 after the regular board meeting at 6:00 pm. The board decided to postpone discussion on a potential Fall Clean-up Day until July or August depending on pandemic conditions. No Memorial Day ceremony or dinner will be held this year due to the virus. All vouchers were approved and paid. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with a second by Supervisor Holmes.