

**Amberg Town Board Meeting**  
Community Center Gym  
Wednesday, August 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, Clerk Boshen, Treasurer Suzawith, and eight community members present. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mattison opened the floor for citizen comment. *George Kloppenburg reported that the Community Association will be disbanding this year and they will purchased 6 yards of mulch for around the community center and another funding source will need to be found or budgeted for. He also wanted to acknowledge Otto Thiel and Mike Schuh for the hours they volunteered working in the community center flower garden. Mark Wisinski asked that the board send Steve Marquis a thank you for the excellent work he did painting the cemetery fence. He also requested that the board call diggers hotline so work can be done on the washout on Amberg Wausaukee Rd.*

The clerk stated that the minutes of the July meeting were posted on the Town web page and also included in the board's meeting packet. Treasurer Suzawith reported that the town currently has Cash on Hand in the general money market account of \$137,059.79, tax money market account of \$260,466.41, \$2,813.84 in checking, \$33,376.01 in the health savings account, and \$128,285.08 in equipment cd's. The August tax settlement of \$79,697.06 has been received and tonight's vouchers were paid. Supervisor Holmes made the motion to accept the reports a presented with the second by Supervisor Werner. Motion passed. There were no revisions to the agenda.

### **On-Going/Continuing Business**

Chairperson Fred Smeester reported that the regular monthly meeting of the Amberg Plan commission took place August 5, 2020 in the Amberg Community Center at 6:30 pm. The topic for the evening was examining Pembine's a parking ordinance to see if Amberg could find usable information to create an ordinance of our own. After a long discussion it was determined that enforcement issues would have to be worked out first. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk's office and Supervisor Holmes reported that the Wausaukee Rescue Squad is looking hard at becoming a full time rescue squad in lieu of volunteers. He asked that if anyone hears of additional meetings please call him or another board member so he can attend.

Chairman Mattison reported the following Road Department items:

- Although we still have a small amount of gravel in the pit Mattison talked to a new contractor about crushing gravel. The contractor will stop back in a few weeks and estimated that it would cost about \$45,000 for the yardage that Mattison talked about.
- Discussion also continued about crack sealing since many Town roads could use it and it is cheaper than black topping. It was mentioned that Scott construction also contracts for seal coating. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to have Chairman Mattison call the County Road Commissioner and find out the cost for them to crack seal several of the worst roads and contract with them to do as much work as the budget can handle. Supervisor Werner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Several audience members were upset about the board's inability to move forward and their continual addressing of the same problems at each meeting.
- In the Marquis Road construction area the culverts have been replaced, and the road blacktopped and shouldered. Some work needs to be done yet since there have been numerous washouts since the storms the prior week
- Cost of purchase a backhoe vs worker wages (example hiring culvert work with backhoe vs in

house cost): No discussion or action taken

- Replacement of two way radios in town equipment (they are obsolete and no longer function and there have been numerous near misses reported by the equipment operators). Supervisor Holmes made the motion to order 5 radios with licenses from Franks Radios in Manitowoc for \$2781. Supervisor Werner seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- Power inverter – After continued discussion from last month Supervisor Holmes stated that we ask Casey to try a grinder with a charger. If it works then the Town will purchase a charger and grinder rather than the recommended power inverter.
- Discussion was also brought back to the table on the replacement size of a work truck. Supervisor Holmes asked the board's permission to pursue a grant for new equipment of up to 50% of purchase price on a F550 Ford truck. Chairman Mattison made to motion to approve his request with a second provided by Supervisor Werner.
- Repairs are still needed for the wings on both trucks and the plow on one. It was unanimously decided to take one truck to Casper as soon as possible. If they can fix the wing then the other truck will be sent in for repairs.
- No action was taken on replacement of bathroom light switches and led lights. Supervisor Holmes made a motion to obtain a \$1500 prepaid debit card to pay for the project with the idea that it would help establish a credit rating for the town. Supervisor Werner seconded the motion and it passed.
- Nothing has been accomplished about the numerous unlicensed vehicles on Town road and alley right of ways. Chairman Mattison has been to the Sheriff's office twice and hasn't had a chance to talk to him. Several audience members said that the proper procedure is to call sheriff's department leave a message and he will call back as soon as he can.

## **New Business**

- Due to the pandemic the board decided to wait until next month to decide if they would have the Fall Clean UP day.
- Multiple complaints have been received about washouts and gravel on Amberg Wausaukee Road and potholes on White Rapids Loop E. and many others. The Town crew has been working to fix them in a timely manner.
- None of the gym air handlers were working on August 10. Chairman Mattison called Dama Electric. They took parts from two of the air handlers and did a temporary fixed on the one in center. Parts needed to be order and they should all be working by next week.
- The Community Center Septic system passed inspection according to Chairman Mattison.
- All vouchers were paid and the meeting adjourned at 8:18 on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Supervisor Werner.