

Minutes of the Town of Amberg Board Meeting

Community Center Gym
Tuesday Sept 8, 2020 7:00 pm

Chairman Matt Mattison called the town board meeting to order at 6:59 pm with Mattison, Supervisor Holmes, Supervisor Werner, Treasurer Suzawith, Clerk Boshen and fourteen citizens in attendance. The pledge of allegiance was recited and Laurie Freed was introduced to the board for approval of an operator license to work at the Amberg Party Store. Her application was unanimously approved by the board.

The minutes from the August meeting were read into the record by the clerk and were approved on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with a second by Chairman Mattison. Treasurer Suzawith reported that there is \$105,664.73 in the general money market account, \$260,532.59 in the tax money market account, checking \$3,769.02 in checking, \$33,376.01 in the Health Savings account, and \$128,285.08 in the equipment cd. Anticipated aides yet to be received this year include highway aids of \$55,345.68, and approximately \$110,920.68 in shared revenue for a total of \$166,266.36 Treasurers report was approved on a motion made by Supervisor Holmes with the second made by Supervisor Werner. Passed unanimously.

The agenda was revised to allow Kevin Kwasny to present the most current information about the Wausaukee Rescue Squad (WRS) which is seriously understaffed and looking at ways to stay viable and service the surrounding communities. Currently the squad is down to two drivers and three emt's with several of them working full time at paid jobs. They think the Rescue Squad can remain viable if they can hire full time people. They will start accepting applications in October with a January 1 2021 targeted implementation date. Responses from the Towns that they serve are needed by November 15. If they can't get the support from the surrounding towns or a commitment of people to be trained and work as emt's, ems, and drivers the other option is to hire another paid service at a considerably higher cost. For those interested they meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at the Squad building in Wausaukee.

Chairman Fred Smeester reported that the regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission took place on September 2nd in the community center at 6:30 pm. He reported that no action was taken on the proposed parking ordinance, nor were any orders given to take any further action on the matter. After a review of commission action so far this year, a motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

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

Road Department

Chairman Mattison reported that he hasn't heard from the current contractor he talked to and we still have about 1000 yards of gravel left in pit. He will try and talk to him again. The gravel crushing is budgeted for this year and there is plenty of room to store it in the pit. If it becomes an issue the old crushed gravel can be fenced to keep it separate. Chairman Mattison has contracted with Marinette County for crack filling on Amberg/Wausaukee Rd., Pike River Rd., and one other road this fall. Discussion then turned to purchasing a new Freightliner truck for \$155,510 with a Monroe plow package on it. There was no trade in value listed on the spec sheet. Verlyn Giguere asked if the Town could purchase a used truck or be eligible for a municipality discount on the truck. There are still issues with the plow trucks: The Burk plow trip edge doesn't work and should be scrapped. The Universal plow can't get low enough and was never fitted correctly for the truck it is used on. It should be either Casper's or Universal's problem to remedy according to a mechanic who worked on it last year. Both the plow and truck need to be taken back to Casper's to determine how to fix it and who is responsible for what. Jim Parr

talked to the guy who worked on it last year. Both the plow and truck need to be taken there to determine what can be done and who is responsible for what. Randy is the name of the contact according to Parr and he will call Casper's tomorrow if not contacted by them. This issue can't wait much longer. Chairman Mattison reported that nothing has changed about the numerous unlicensed vehicles on Town road and alley right of ways stating that he went down to Marinette and Sheriff was not available to speak with him. A local citizen became irate and yelled at Mattison for his lack of action and asked why he didn't follow protocol by calling and leaving a message for the sheriff who would then return the call. Two of the Community Center gym air handler motors were replaced and one was repaired.

The board continued discussion on the feasibility of conducting Fall Clean UP Day this year and after audience input set the date for Saturday, October 3 from 8-12 as usual at the Town Garage. Tom Roerdink will arrange for metal disposal and take any items that can be recycled. Halloween Trick or Treat date and time was set to run at the same time as Wausaukee on Oct 31 from 1-3 pm. The siren will sound to end the event. Treasurer Suzawith reported that the Real Estate Taxes program will be live with Marinette County this year and he is still having trouble with take up time. If he can't resolve the problem he wanted to know if the board would agree to have Marinette County Treasurer's office collect the first installment of the taxes for a fee. George Kloppenburg volunteered get the County's IT person contact information for Suzawith to help resolving the issue. All vouchers were paid and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Werner with the second made by Supervisor Holmes.