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AMBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING Minutes Tuesday, May 11, 2021 6:00 pm

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:00 with fifteen citizens and the entire board present. The flag pledge was recited and Mattison opened the floor for public comment. Ron Holmes asked that the clerk put the meeting time change in the paper and remarked that any bid notices should always have the disclaimer included stating that “the Town of Amberg reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to make the award in the best interest of the Town of Amberg. George Kloppenburg handed the board an information packet to be kept on file containing information on the cemetery veteran’s headstone clean up conducted this spring.

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as read on a motion by Chairman Mattison with a second by Supervisor Magley. The Treasurer’s report of cash on hand of \$85,018.17, tax money market \$490,522.27, checking \$6,206.90, vouchers paid tonight of \$14,286.28, Health Savings Account \$43,389.56 and equipment fund \$158,891.02 was accepted as read by Chairman Mattison with a second by Supervisor Magley. Both reports were unanimously approved. Vouchers were paid.

Under On-Going/Continuing Business

Chairman Fred Smeester reported there was no report due to the Plan Commission not meeting. The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk’s office for review. Ron Holmes reported that the Rescue Squad did not have an April meeting but will meet next Monday night.

Chairman Mattison reported that the road tour was completed and not all roads were in bad shape. Gravel does need to be replaced and numerous roads graded. Only one bid was received (Scott Construction, Pat Schlais, representative) for the paving of White Rapids Loop consisting of 2” blacktop for \$94,400 west side and \$76,800 east side totaling \$171,200.00. He also presented an option with shoulders, staking to 22’ wide, water and compacting entire loop including north side for \$214,600. Cost does not include culverts or gravel—town responsibility. Finished paved width will be 18’ wide. After discussion the board unanimously approved the option of repaving the whole White Rapids Loop.

Discussion continued on building door canopies over the main and kitchen doors since it has been on the back burner for over ten years. Supervisor Campbell made a motion to get bids for door canopies with a second provided by Supervisor Magley. Motion passed.

The Town crew used the money obtained from recycling metal to start purchasing tools needed in the shop. They still have a list of more tools but there is only \$100.00 left of the original amount which isn’t adequate for what is needed.

Clean Up Day was Saturday, May 8 and 50 loads of metal, tires, tv’s, appliances etc. were brought to the town garage for disposal by the Town citizens.

Under new business the board discussed purchasing a used backhoe for replacing culverts and other road work. Verlyn stated that there are good used 4 wheel drive backhoes on the internet priced for sale between \$14,000 and \$21,000. Supervisor Campbell made a motion to set a purchase price limit of \$20,000 and put

Verlyn and Jim in charge of finding one that is suitable. Supervisor Magley provided the second. Motion passed

The road crew suggested permanently set reduce load limits on some roads due to truckers cutting across from Hwy 8 to Down Dam and proceeding through downtown Amberg past Pub and Mathis and chewing up pavement due to overweight truck loads. There was unsolicited/unauthorized discussion between several audience members. Supervisor Campbell made a motion for Supervisor Magley to call the state and find out what can be done since forest crops are considered agricultural. The same problem is also occurring with overloaded trucks coming out of Wausaukee on the backroads north to bypass highway. The Board requested this topic be placed on the agenda for next month. Some of the same roads should also have the speed limits reduced due to poor condition and use by the overloaded semis.

Supervisor Campbell will do some research and bring back to next meeting the feasibility of incorporating the town.

It was requested that the board look at taxing numerous camping trailers on the same parcel of land. Treasurer Suzawith stated they can't be taxed if registered and licensed. Both Pembine and Beecher have an ordinance in place to that effect but the Amberg plan commission did not think it feasible for the Town of Amberg and did not recommend it to the board. (State ordinance allowed specific # of campers per parcel.)

The board adjourned to closed session to discuss raises for the Road Crew since the surrounding towns are paying their workers with fewer years' experience higher wages. Example: Beecher 22.25/hr. Supervisor Campbell made a motion to give both workers a \$3.00/hr raise since it has been several years since they received a raise. Some discussion occurred about the dollar amount of raise with Chairman Mattison suggesting a lower amount. Supervisor Magley provided the second. Motion Passed

The board rejoined the meeting and announced their decision before adjourning the meeting at 7:20 pm on a motion by Chairman Mattison with a second by Supervisor Campbell.