

MINUTES AMBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 6:00 pm

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Mattison, Supervisors Magley and Campbell, Clerk Boshen, and Treasurer Suzawith present along with sixteen citizens. The pledge of allegiance was recited and the floor was opened for public comment. The clerk and treasurer's reports were approved as read on a motion by Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell. Vouchers were approved.

On-Going/Continuing Business

Plan Commission Chairman Fred Smeester reported that the commission met on June 2 at 6:30. The task was to look at a trailer parking ordinance from the Town of Pembine to see if it could be used by the Town of Amberg to help our problem with people living in the town and paying very little in taxes. After much discussion it was decided to get more information and look at it again next month. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm. Chairman Mattison signed off on a certified survey map presented to the board by Casey Pszanka on a land division he is planning. The board also continued discussion of the number of garages/pole buildings with living quarters built inside of them and used for residences but taxed as garages/pole buildings. There are a minimum of 6 in the township. After discussion it was suggested to change the building permit to a UDC permit and to contact Jane Meissner. That way the building/dwelling must be inspected.

Ron Holmes reported that there was no Rescue Squad Report for the month and tendered his resignation as Town of Amberg Representative. Decided to solicit volunteer to represent the Town at the July meeting.

The fire department report is on file in the clerk's office. Chairman Mattison reported on White Rapids Loop Road work currently being done. The members of the board requested that bids be solicited for building the canopy over the kitchen door and possibly over the front entrance door as well as bids for propane and garbage pickup for the next calendar year. Mattison said that he has most of the steel for the kitchen door but hasn't decided how to slope the roof.

A backhoe was purchased from a local citizen. It needed a few tweaks and it is currently being used to replace culverts on White Rapids Loop.

Discussion continued on reducing road limits/speed limits on some town roads and streets due to type of traffic, speed and road conditions (examples: Dow Dam with horseback riders, ATV/UTV usage, and extensive wear and tear on Town roads due to overloaded logging trucks taking town roads to avoid traffic stops). After some discussion on various tactics that could be tried it was decided to purchase signs designating truck routes, no trucks allowed signs and post other warning signs where needed as a preliminary step on a motion made by Supervisor Magley and seconded by Supervisor Campbell.

After a brief discussion it was decided that incorporation of the Town was not worth the cost and effort.

New Business

The board discussed and unanimously approved hiring Scott Kemmerling as a part time seasonal employee to cut grass. A request was received from the family of Elmer and Florence Churchill to place bench in memory of their parents similar to that of the Downings by the museum complex. The board approved liquor licenses for Backwoods Bar & Grill, Amberg Pub, The Party Store, and Driftwood Enterprises for 2021-2022; picnic licenses for the American Legion Turkey Shoot (July 3) and the Fire Department Picnic (Sept 4); and, 21 bartender licenses.

The clerk presented preliminary information about the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Grant including how much and when the Town will receive funding, timeline for use of the funds and potential uses for the grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 on a motion made by Supervisor Campbell and seconded by Supervisor Magley.