

AMBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:00 pm

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Mattison, Supervisors Magley and Campbell, Clerk Boshen and fifteen citizens present. Treasurer Suzawith was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mattison opened the floor to public comments.

An audience member suggested that the Town should clean up the burned out old Wontor place since no effort has been made by the owner. Both the clerks and treasurers report were accepted as presented on a motion made by Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell. Vouchers were approved and paid.

On-Going/Continuing Business

Both the Plan Commission Report and the Fire Department Report are on file in the clerk's office for review. Mark Wisinski reported that he was not informed of the Rescue Squad meeting date.

Chairman Mattison reported that White Rapids Loop still needs a bit of gravel and that the blacktopping should be done during the first week of September. It was also discussed about pulverizing several other roads in poor condition, replacing culverts and graveling them in preparation for further work next year. Several suggestions included portions of Barker, Wontor, Marquis, Pine Grove and Carter. The clerk will place an ad requesting bids on the various projects before the next meeting. Discussion also centered around reducing speed limit signs by 10 mph and placing weight limit signs on several heavily used roads currently being traveled by overweight logging trucks to avoid the road work on Hwy 8. After discussion about the legality of changing the signage (state statutes and the state department of transportation were referred to as the citing source for allowing the Town to make the changes). Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell made the motion to changes the speed and weight limit signs on specific locations on Dow Dam Road, Oak Ridge Road, and Barker Rd. as they are used as feeder roads to get to Hwy 141. Motion passed.

Chairman Mattison stated that the rain gutters will be repaired in the next several weeks and heat tape applied so they don't fill and collapse due to the weight of ice build-up in the winter. He also stated that he would build the canopy over the kitchen door as time became available in his schedule.

Since the last meeting a lawn mower, chain saw, bench vice, air hose with fittings, and chop saw were purchase for the shop/road department use. It was also noted that a new weed eater is needed. After a brief discussion Supervisor Campbell made a motion to get prices and model numbers/brands on the weed eater including attachments needed. Second provided by Supervisor Magley and passed.

Supervisor Magley reported that he attended the Towns Association meeting and the Town should wait to decide how to use the ARPA grant funding since things the money can be used for is constantly changing at this time. It is also not necessary to open a separate account for the grant money as long as a separate set of records is kept on how it is used. Even if the Town returns money the interest earned stays with the Town.

New Business

The junk cars in street right of ways discussion was originally brought up during open floor at the July meeting so no action could be taken at that time. Supervisor Magley wants to clean up the disabled cars that are currently parked in road right of ways and in alleys blocking clear access and are clearly a health issue. After revisiting the problem Supervisor Campbell made a motion that the offending property owners be sent a

certified letter to remove all vehicles touching or within the Town right of ways within a certain time limit. If they are not removed, they will be towed at owner's expense. Motion seconded by Ron Magley and passed.

Continued discussion from open floor at July meeting about dwellings with living quarters built inside but assessed as outbuildings/garages, etc. Supervisor Magley recommended that the Town should have sheds, garages, etc. inspected so there are no livable structures/man caves inside. Ron Magley made a motion to do this with Supervisor Campbell seconding it. Treasurer Suzawith talked to the Building Inspector, Jane Meissner and stated that the building code issue is not an assessment problem. The board made a motion to change the Building Permit requirements for Garages, Pole Buildings, Sheds, and other structures making them subject to periodic inspections by person(s) designated by the Town Board and further require a final inspection and occupancy permit to be issued by a State Certified Uniform Dwelling Code Inspector (not applicable when there is a habitable dwelling on premise.)

Bids were obtained by Jim Parr at the request of Supervisor Magley for grinding down stumps in the cemetery with the town workers to clean up the mess. Parr obtained bids from 4 companies with bids ranging from \$700 for 25-30 stumps and 3 trees to over \$1500 for the same amount of trees/stumps. Supervisor Campbell made a motion to accept the low bid from Zelinski Stump Grinding with the second by Supervisor Magley. Passed unanimously.

The Amberg Pub requested permission to close Wright Street north of the bar for a memorial bike rally in honor of the previous owner, Mary on August 28. After a brief discussion it was decided on a motion by Supervisor Campbell with a second by Supervisor Magley to grant permission provided that the event is shut down by 11:00 pm. Passed Unanimously.

After a brief discussion the Fall Clean-Up Day was set for October 2 from 8-noon. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 on a motion made by Supervisor Campbell with a second by Supervisor Magley.