

Town of Amberg Board Meeting

March 8, 2022 Minutes

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Supervisor Magley, Supervisor Campbell, Treasurer Suzawith, Clerk Boshen and 13 audience members present. The pledge of allegiance was recited before the floor was opened for citizen input. Mark Wisinski asked why it takes an individual three or more months sitting on a grant before acting on it. He also suggested that the town employees keep a log of what they do on a daily basis because it appears that they are wasting time. Ron Holmes asked why is the town purchasing a new pickup truck when one or both of the dump trucks need to be replaced and why are they running around. Jim Pickett from Rural Mutual Ins. Briefly went over town insurance renewal (liability, workers comp, dividend plan, reimbursement for 0% insurance claims, etc.). Jim Brusher from Mundt Quarry Rd stated that there are now 4-5 permanent residents living in the area and the road should be considered a dust bowl with potholes. It is deteriorating rapidly and the residents are petitioning the .8 length of the road repaved. George Kloppenburg asked for permission to clean graves and replace markers this spring *before* Veterans Day. The board members unanimously agreed for him to proceed with project. Lisle Suzawith reported that there is discussion at the state level of repairing hwy. 141 from here to Niagara in the future. The highway surface is so bad it is damaging county highway equipment. The meeting should be held in late March to early April this year with the work scheduled for 2026. George Kloppenburg is also pushing for road work in this section.

The minutes were read into the record by clerk Boshen and approved unanimously on a motion made by Supervisor Magley with the second by Chairman Mattison. Treasurer Suzawith reported that Cash on Hand in the General money market account is \$5,450.85, tax money market account \$ 520,042.48, checking account \$9,964.84, employee savings account \$53,407.36, and Equipment cd \$189,370.33. Chairman Mattison made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read with second by Supervisor Campbell. The clerk noted that the vouchers will be delayed a day.

The Plan Commission report from the March 2 meeting was presented by chairman, Fred Smeester. It was held at 6:00 pm in the Amberg community center, at 6:00 pm. The first order of business was to review a CSM. After looking at the survey it was decided to call the surveyor to get more information and tabled until the next meeting. They then discussed a solar farm ordinance and it was decided to see if any requests could be included in the building permit application. It will be looked into at the next plan commission meeting. The meeting adjourned 6:55 pm.

The Fire Department report is on file in clerk's office.

Mark Wisinski reported a paramedic from Upper Michigan joined Rescue Squad full time. They are also trying to fix up the Rescue Squad building and make it more pleasant for full time workers (showers, sleeping quarters, etc.).

Chairman Mattison reported that many hours have been spent on keeping the town road snow free and there have been numerous truck repairs as well. The bids were open on the sale of the Town's 2000 Chevy pickup with plow (sold as is): Bid 1: \$2002 from Williams; Bid 2 \$3005 from Carl Reniko; and Bid 3 \$3023 from Ed Sciaas. The bid was awarded to Ed Sciaas. Mark W asked when and why the envelopes were opened. (Supervisor Magley opened them at the beginning of the meeting before handing them to the Chairman.)

Supervisor Campbell reported that Nicolet National Bank and Forward Financial Credit Union would need the town meeting minutes showing authorization on who would be named on credit card, as well as proof of the Town's financial stability. Mark Wisinski said it was not that involved with Stephenson Bank to get a business credit card.

Under new business the board opened the road work bids for portions of the following roads. Fahrner Asphalt sealers: \$52,819.68 for Black Sam, and Scott Construction: Black Sam single chip seal and crack seal for total of 57,600.00.

North East Asphalt: hot mix for Nutt Rd. total price \$38,276.70, Barker Road \$132104.20 and Wontor Rd. total 65,617.20. Scott Construction: cold mix for Nutt Rd. \$29800.00; Barker Rd., \$119,900.00, and Wontor Rd. 54,200.00. After a brief comparison of the various bids the board unanimously decided to meet again and discuss the pros and cons of the various bid components and who would be awarded the bid. The meeting was set for Friday March 11.

The new pickup truck that was under discussion has been delivered to Witt's. Its purchase price is \$43,930.00 complete which is less than cost of used truck the town previously priced. The board decided to purchase the truck with both Supervisors 1 and 2 in favor and Chairman Mattison opposed. It will be ready for delivery before the end of the week. The board decided to post the road banns effective Friday, March 11 to coincide with those posted by the county. The meeting adjourned on motion by Supervisor Campbell with the second made by Supervisor Magley.