

AMBERG TOWN BOARD Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2022 6:00 pm

Chairman Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with ten citizens and all board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the floor was opened for public comments. Ron Holmes corrected the minutes about the school forest. Fran Campbell stated that the west wall should have electrical outlets installed since more people are using the building and the extension cords currently being used are a trip hazard. She also asked when the kitchen door canopy will be finished since that entrance has had a significant amount of ice buildup in the past and is a safety hazard.

The minutes from the July board meeting were read by the clerk and approved by Supervisor Magley with the second by Supervisor Campbell. Treasurer Suzawith reported that Cash on hand in the General Money Market account totaled \$131,552.98, the tax money market account balance is \$425,790.46, Checking currently is at \$37,779.29, the employee benefit account stands at \$ 53,408.70, and the equipment cd at \$189,559.22. Supervisor Campbell made the motion to accept the report as read with a second by Supervisor Magley. Treasurer Suzawith also reported on the number of Building permits issued which was approved by Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell. All motions passed unanimously. Vouchers were paid.

On-Going/Continuing Business

Plan Commission Chairman Fred Smeester called the meeting to order at 6.02 on August 3 in the meeting room of the town hall. Not much was on the agenda. Several building permits were discussed. The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk's office.

Mark Wisinski gave the Rescue Squad Report stating that since the beginning of year the rescue squad was keeping track of calls by community. All of the participating towns are now on board with contributing \$45,000 toward the new rescue squad chase. The Town of Wagner thought a cost per call would be more to their advantage. The board also discussed the taxable parcels method of determining contribution amounts.

Road Department Report was presented by Chairman Mattison who stated that most pulverized roads have been graveled and are ready for completion with blacktop and Nutt and Bolander Road signs were recently replaced.

Under new business the board approved the picnic license for the annual Fire Department Picnic on a motion made by Supervisor Magley with the second by Supervisor Campbell. A town employee inadvertently damaged 3 vehicles and a fence while mowing. After a brief discussion Supervisor Campbell with a second by Supervisor Magley made a motion to have

these repairs fixed. Clerk Boshen will contact the Town's Insurance Agency to begin the process.

GFL is upgrading their equipment leading to potential improvements in garbage/recycling services for citizens. Each household on the pickup list will receive 2 95 gallon receptacles (one for garbage and one for recyclables). They will be coded by house to help prevent theft. The cost to replace at lost/stolen/damaged receptacles is \$65/each. Treasurer Suzawith expressed his concern with cabin people who are not here during many months of the year. The board members agreed unanimously to make the changes as receptacles etc. are available.

A recent Auto event was held in downtown Amberg with cars tearing up the pavement and people drinking alcoholic beverages outside. There was no one day license for off premise alcohol consumption present. People were in the streets and no road closed notices were posted at intersections. The Downtown Diner sponsored the event. Board discussion then centered on participant safety. At a minimum change the location to ball diamond or at least block the street. There needs to be more dialogue between businesses and the town board in planning special events.

Co-vid salary reimbursement was discussed by the board. Supervisor Magley checked and said other employers paid full salary for a ten day stretch with the Co-vid grant monies provided by the Government. Supervisor Campbell made a motion to pay the employee 100% of his/her salary for the time off while absent from work due to co-vid. The board discussed the pros and cons of the amount of salary to be paid by percentage and of number of days that the employees should be paid for. It was decided at this point to pay 80% of salary for the ten days on a motion made by Mattison with a second by Magley. Motion passed.

Treasurer Suzawith stated that the 2022 budget needed to be revised to include the co-vid grant funds the Town received and also to show the USDA grant received for the new truck to show money in and money out. Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell made the motion to revise budget to show changes with USDA grant and CO-Vid funds.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Campbell with a second by Chairman Mattison.