

# **Minutes AMBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING**

## **Tuesday, January 10 6:00 pm**

Chairman Matt Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Supervisor Magley, Supervisor Campbell, Clerk Boshen and twelve citizens present. The pledge of allegiance was recited before Chairman Mattison opened the floor for public comment.

George Kloppenburg reported that HWY 141 from Pembine north is supposed to be repaired this summer. Ron Magley requested that service dogs be allowed in the Community Center. The land posted by the Pike River is "school forest" land and when the Amberg School consolidated with Wausaukee the land was transferred to that district. A citizen asked why "isn't everything that the town sells placed out on bids." A better way to handle it would be to list items that the town wishes to sell at the monthly meetings.

The clerks report was accepted on a motion made by Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell. Voucher were approved and paid.

### **ON-GOING/CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Plan Commission Fred Smeester reported that at the last Plan Commission meeting the commission discussed proposed wording changes to Section 14-1-11: Design Standards—Lots to clarify how property frontage is measured and correct grammatical mistakes in the ordinance. Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell made the motion to change the ordinance as proposed by the Plan Commission. The ordinance meeting change will be posted for two weeks before the hearing on February 14 at 5:30.

The Fire Department Report is on file in the clerk's office. It was pointed out that the board opened the bids on the fire department equipment van and announced the bid amounts. Therefore it was determined that it was illegal to rebid the item so the highest bidder's amount was accepted with the money turned over to the fire department.

Mark Wisinski reported that the rescue squad's yearly report will be available at the next meeting.

Chairman Mattison reported that nothing has been done yet on the door frame replacement and roof repair at the shop because Mathis is waiting for a special size door which is on order. A brief meeting of the board was held to finalize the new truck purchase. The clerk and public were not aware of this meeting because information was not provided to the clerk so no notice was posted. Both plow trucks are having issues with parts breaking and needing to be repaired or replaced. It was decided to look at the issues associated with each truck (breakage/ wear and tear/ age/ etc.) and sell the worst one when the new truck is delivered.

GFL has been reporting to the clerk on a weekly basis the issues that their driver is having with container delivers, cart placement, icy roads, etc. and is working on resolving them.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There are numerous maintenance issues that need to be addressed at the Community Center including gaps beneath the entry doors allowing unwanted mice and snakes to enter the building; cracks in some of the floor surfaces that need repairing; temporary removal of window grates to clean windows; floor and wall carpet cleaning; replacement of furnace filters on roof (one furnace apparently not working); installation of electrical outlets on west gym wall to name a few.

Discussion began on a proposal to stop winter burials between December 1 and second week in May. Alternatives include renting mausoleum space in either Pembine (approx. \$100) or Wausaukee for storage of Amberg residents; contracting with an outside business who routinely does winter burials (approx. \$1100); having Amberg employees continuing to dig graves by hand; or creating a Cemetery Association to take over cemetery . The increase in burial cost would be the responsibility of the bereaved's family.

The discussion of potential road work to be done in 2023 was tabled by the board since the road work from 2022 has not been completed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Magley with a second by Supervisor Campbell.

Pat Boshen, clerk