

AMBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING

Community Center Tuesday September 12th, 2023 6:00 pm

Chairman Sagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with all board members present except the town clerk. The pledge of allegiance was recited and Chairman Sagan opened the floor to citizens of the Town of Amberg.

Paul Kautenburg had questions for the board regarding long term planning. Is there a plan other than using slow to no growth model and was that voted on or just ran with. Can we get a definition of what slow growth is and how it will help the town increase revenue and decrease the tax burden on the people? Also, a definition of moderate growth and how that would harm the revenue of the town. It just might help. Can the building and zoning committee help with this and maybe put a plan together to be voted on. Would like to see a fair market assessment. Will be discussed another time.

Doug Nutt wanted to know what the rush was to take down the pavilion. He was willing to fix it and he had people willing to donate services to help. Jodi informed him that there will be a new one built.

A citizen wanted to know if there was going to be an audit on the computer and it was explained that if there were things missing or didn't look right an audit would be done. It will take time to correct what was done.

Shawn is working on getting the gutters taken care of.

Wausaukee Rescue brought up an incident that should not have been brought up at the board meeting.

Citizen has problem with Jim Parr regarding snow plowing and telling him that he can't plow snow where he does. Stated that everyone in town plows their snow the same way to get it out of their way. Wants to get into the Fire Dept and was told by Parr that he needs a sponsor. Asked Parr to sponsor him and was told he couldn't.

Citizen heard they were going to be logging the trees in Veterans Park or other properties and was told there was nothing in the books regarding this.

Tim Corcon was curious about town position. He put in application and hadn't heard back. Ron said he talked to him on the phone and told him the reasons why he was not hired.

Citizen asked why Verlyn Giguere was fired but that was before Chairman Sagan was elected to the board.

No Clerks report

Lisle read a thank you letter for the donation to the Back to School Program.

Cash on Hand

General Money Market Acct \$260,109.03

Tax Money Market Acct \$226,228.49

Old closed checking acct \$12,636.40

Equipment CD \$220,956.29

New Checking Acct \$15,930.35

Received the Marquis Rd trip funds of \$26,426.97

Had offer from county to collect the taxes but Lisle would just as soon do it.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Magley and seconded by Campbell.

Fire Dept report on file in clerks office.

Griz Taylor requested and easement on his property and the board approved it.

Rescue Squad had 25 calls last month and the new rescue squad should be here end of October.

Road dept is waiting for Northeast Asphalt to finish highway to come back to finish road across the street and Town Shop. Nutt road is finished, just waiting for shouldering. Bell Crossing is done other than shouldering and there was a request for shouldering on Amberg Wausaukee rd.

Transmission went out on the Big Back Hoe. Guys took it to Brooks and were told it would be \$15,000. Shawn found transmission online for \$3200 and will be put in by Shawn and Mike Forney.

Think they have the beaver dam taken care of.

The Parks Committee will consist of Dave Grube, Deb Hickey, Bob Hickey, Scott Mathis and Paul Kautenburg. Motion to accept the Parks committee by Jodi and seconded by Ron. First meeting

is scheduled for Sept 19th at 6 pm. Had cleanup day at Veterans Park. Special thanks to our vets for keeping the park up and to our road crew for helping out to maintain the roads year around.

New Business

The changing tables will be put in next years budget.

Clean up day is October 14th from 8-noon

Liquor license for Ranger City riders for their Nov 4th fundraiser was motioned by Jodi and seconded by Ron to give it to them.

Scott Kemmerling goes to \$15 an hour on October 1st. Ron made a motion and Jodi seconded it to approve the increase.

The planning commission will review the black top requirement or to get a better base. Will check what other towns have.

Shawn proposed to charge taxpayers \$50 for one or \$100 for two garbage or recycling bins as a special assessment. Ron will get GFL back in to talk to us as we have a 5 yr contract and we are getting charged \$50 per bin.

A new desktop computer was approved for the town clerks office. Ron made the motion and Jodi seconded it.

Shawn suggested Trick or Treat hours on the Saturday before Halloween from 3-6. We will try it and see how it goes. The motion to have Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 28th from 3-6 pm by Ron was seconded by Jodi.

It was suggested to get a microphone so that people can hear better.

The trip fund for Marquis road was applied for four or five years ago and the paperwork just got finished this year. It was rebuilt and we were able to apply for the trip grant. It cost over \$100,000 and we received \$26,326.97.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jodi.