

Minutes Amberg Town Board Meeting Community Center

Tuesday March 12, 2024

Present were Chairman Shawn Sagan . Supervisor Ron Magley, Supervisor Jodi Campbell, Treasurer Lisle Suzawith and 30 members of the public.
Clerk Patty Ducat was absent.

Chairman Sagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Jim Pickett of Rural Mutual Insurance spoke. The policy renewal is April 1st. He said, the Clerk had requested if there was anything he could do to keep the price near last years level.

Workers Comp is a separate policy, based on payroll, \$4,166.00.

The Commercial policy represents everything, including buildings, personal property, liability for the Fire Dept., trucks, and public works. The price this year would be \$15,705.00. With some changes the price could be lowered about \$1,000.00. Previously there has been no deductible on liability. Making that \$500.00 deductible, and raising from \$250.00 to \$500.00 deductible on the rest of the policy, the new price would be \$14,877.00, a \$828.00 savings. Mr. Pickett did caution there had been 5 liability claims in the last few years.

The board members discussed the insurance. Supervisor Magley stated next year they will get other quotes.

Supervisor Magley made a motion to accept the policy changes to the active policy, with a 2nd by Supervisor Campbell. There will be an e-mail to the Clerk with the updated proposal and revised bill.

Wausaukee School Superintendent/High School Principal Jared Deschaine gave the school report. He pointed out the flyers and link to a survey in the front of the room, and introduced School Board members Elmer Busick and Bob Orlando. Then he followed with a narrative, plus charts and photos projected on the wall. The school district is debt free, the mill rate continues to go down, levy 4,434,880. 65.4% of the budget is from local property taxes. State aid goes down as property values rise. 47-staff, 37-support staff and 381 total students. 15 dual NWTC classes are offered. There are presently 50 enrolled in Daycare that is open to the community.

George Kloppenburg asked if the closure of the Marinette campus UW Green Bay, impacted the students. Mr. Deschaine replied that very few students have gone there over the years. Another question, regarding the greenhouse, he said it is no longer in use. The board thanked Mr. Deschaine for his report. There was applause.

Continuing in Open Floor, a request from George Kloppenburg for permission to clean the Veteran's head stones in the cemetery as he has done before. A motion to grant

permission to clean the stones was made by Supervisor Magley. With a 2nd by Supervisor Campbell.

Vouchers were approved and paid.

Supervisor Magley made a motion to amend the December 2023 minutes to include the Treasurers report, Supervisor Campbell seconded the motion.

Motion by Supervisor Magley to accept the February minutes as written, with a 2nd by Supervisor Campbell.

Treasurer Suzawith reported; Cash on hand \$33,205.69, Tax Money Market \$269,903.93, Checking balance \$17,984.35, Equipment CD \$252,176.55, Parks \$2,165.67, vouchers paid tonight \$2, 693.12.

Supervisor Magley made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read, Supervisor Campbell 2nd the motion.

Fred Smeester Chairman of the Planning Commission reported the land division previously looked at in August, on Hwy 141 & Wontor Road, has come up again. The Board had agreed on the division, it was signed and sent back to Surveyor Hugh Guy Jr., but it had not been registered with the County. The new division was denied by the Plan Commission at their March 6th meeting, due to access for lot 2 on Hwy141 being Agriculture Only. Fred had received another division of the land from the surveyor on his phone. Only three lots, all with access to Wontor Road. He had expected that version of the CSM to be available for the meeting, but it had not arrived.

Shawn Sagan gave the Fire Department report. There was a good turnout at the Fishery. They raised just under \$1,000, checkbook is up to \$4,000. They started a controlled burn along the railroad tracks but had to discontinue due to the smoke drifting toward the Cleveland apartments.

Rescue Squad report by Mark Wisinski: The Squad now has a three year contract with the Town of Wagner. They will pay \$82,792.00. Town of Wausaukee \$168,910.00, Village of Wausaukee \$34,467.02, Town of Amberg \$136,330.26. The Manor on Main fund raiser went very well, approximately \$12,000 was raised. There were 78 calls to Amberg in 2023. Supervisor Magley added that 49% of Amberg's portion of the property taxes goes to the ambulance, only 50% left for everything else. Mark added that in a session with State representative Mursau, in reply to the State helping out with Rescue Squad funding. He only said Shared Revenue was up \$20,000.

Road Department: Chairman Sagan reported maintenance is being done on the trucks. They will have someone come to do the transmission fluid change in the grader. The red tractor is at Beaver Machine for a control valve and a leaking cylinder. Also a cartridge filter will be checked.

The Board members then discussed Scott Kimmerling cutting grass and if the Town crew had enough work. Supervisor Campbell said she wants damaged equipment reported.

Chairman Sagan stated the employees report to Jim Parr, he then reports to a board member.

Discussion followed on roads. Seven culverts need replacing. Time for road tour has not been scheduled. Supervisor Magley wants chip sealing, Chairman Sagan said there is no money. Beaver dam is back on Black Sam road.

Chairman Sagan reported there is a new program, the State is going to inspect culverts like they do bridges. Larger than 6 feet, under 20 feet. He will be doing inventory, including location, size and condition. There are 7 specs on each that he will send to the County. When all the towns finish, the County will send it to the State. There is a \$100.00 per culvert reimbursement.

Parks report: Ball field is nearly ready. They would like volunteers for the May 4th bake sale. Pickleball instructor will be available tomorrow.

Website update: Continue to work on it. The blog will be taken down when the new .gov website is finished.

Health insurance and employee retirement; more information is needed and they hope to hear from the State soon.

The Board discussed the temporary closing of the roads in Veterans Park from November 1st to May 1st. They spoke of the ruts in the roads getting deeper. A motion was made by Supervisor Magley to have a sign made- Road Closed, Nov. 1st to May 1st. Supervisor Campbell 2nd the motion. The Park will remain open during that time, just no drive through.

Chairman Sagan said the 2 ft. thick slab of cement from the pavilion will be removed.

Grounds around the Community Center was the next topic for discussion. Chairman Sagan said snakes are getting in the building and Pest control has suggested removal of the garden/mulch. George Kloppenburg spoke up, stating he is done with it if there is any removal. Supervisor Campbell said the garden is pretty. It was tabled until next month.

Supervisor Magley spoke about a Port a Potty for the Ball Park. Discussion followed, buying vs. renting or possibly getting a donation. They will have more information for the April meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Magley, with a second by Supervisor Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm.

*minutes by Carol Smeester
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