

Minutes AMBERG TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 6:00 pm

Chairman Matt Mattison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Supervisor Magley, Supervisor Campbell, Treasurer Suzawith, Mattison and 12 citizens present. Clerk Boshen was not in attendance. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mattison opened the floor for citizen comment.

Ron Holmes requested the Town Board check on ownership of the “Town’s” 4 forty’s that were once part of the Amberg School Forest since the one forty on Dow Dam Road has reverted to Marinette County ownership according to Tina Barnes at the courthouse. Treasurer Suzawith asked Mr. Holmes about the signs that are posted on that parcel but he didn’t have any information about that issue. Fran Campbell asked if the kitchen door canopy would be finished before winter and also stated that Old 38 Rd. has not been worked on in front of her house since she has been there and it is deteriorating. Mark Wisinski stated that the neighbors want to fix the shoulder on Amberg/Wausaukee Rd. He explained he could only do so much with it himself, and asked if the Town could repair it. A resident from Dow Dam Road stated that the logging trucks should have to pay for upkeep of the roads they drive on. “If they are driving for a paper mill—assess them.” A resident on Wontor road complained that one of the audience members was talking smack about the town employees in public venues.

Supervisor Campbell read the minutes from the June meeting. Treasurer made a correction to one of the amounts that were reported. Treasurer Suzawith reported the following account balances: General Money market 143,934.69; Tax money market 425,638.25; Checking account 36,611.04; Employee savings account \$53,408.70; and equipment cd \$189,559.22. The reimbursement check from the department of agriculture grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 was received. Supervisor Magley with a second provided by Supervisor Campbell made the motion to receive both reports. Vouchers were paid.

Fred Smeester reported that the plan commission met on July 6th and that the commission still recommends that the version of the building permit application that they presented to the board in June be used. Treasurer Suzawith objected to the recommended change in the form and Mike Churchill, commission member responded that it was up to the board to act upon. No action was taken.

The fire department report is on file in the clerk’s office.

Mark Wisinski turned the floor over to Tom Arnold who spoke on behalf of the Wausaukee Squad. He stated that the turbocharger blew and that the current bill at Witt’s is \$4500. This appears to be a continuing problem with this vehicle because it has happened three-four times

before and they refuse to put more money into it. Their plan is to replace the chassis with a 2023 F-550. Everything would be rewired and all interworking would be updated with completion done by November. If something were to happen to squad 1 there is no backup. The loan on the squad they are using is \$180,000 and they are asking the 4 towns to each contribute \$45,000 so it is paid off immediately. Tom went on to say that Crivitz want WRS to be their back-up again which would increase the revenue. Other than Squad #2 problems "everything is fantastic." They have applied for a grant, and if it happens, all of the towns would have their money returned. In addition, he said that the town board may request to see the Rescue Squads financial data at any time. A special meeting was set for Tuesday, July 19th at 6 pm for a special meeting. More information will be available at that time, and the other towns involved will also have heard the presentation prior to then.

Road Report: All pulverizing is done, and gravel has been placed on those roads. The Bolander Road sign is currently missing.

The contract with Country Vision Propane was discussed and Supervisor Magley made the motion to accept the contract with a second by Supervisor Campbell with a down payment of \$900 to be paid by July 15th.

Supervisor Campbell stated that she is waiting to hear back from the Town's Association about the Town of Amberg obtaining a credit card. Chairman Mattison spoke to Attorney Spangenburg and said that he doesn't know if there is a need to have an attorney on retainer at this time.

Under New Business:

One new application for a bartender's license for the Amberg Pub was presented but he did not appear before the board. The picnic license for the annual Legion Turkey Shoot was passed on a motion by Supervisor Magley with the second by Supervisor Campbell. The Fall Town Clean Up Day was set for October 1st by unanimous agreement of the board. It was also noted that all TVs (any size) will cost \$25 to dispose of.

Due to the sale of their buildings a request was made by members of Faith Baptist Church to rent the Community Center on Sundays for services and meetings until they can locate a permanent new location. The rental cost quoted to them would be \$100.00 per Sunday.

The next Town's Association meeting will be hosted by the Town of Grover on July 21st at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm on a motion made by Supervisor Campbell with a second by Supervisor Magley.

Carol Smeester acted as recorder.