

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Town Board—Town of Amity
July 9, 2012

Present:

Supervisor:

Lois Reynolds

Councilman:

Mark Presutti, Don Skinner, Jeff Zenoski, Brian Clendenin

Town clerk:

Richard Winterhalter

Highway Superintendent:

Jim Reniff

Also Present

Rick Jordan, Mike Bassette

Absent:

Meeting called to order @ 7:09pm by Lois Reynolds.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was lead by Lois Reynolds.

Reading of Minutes was waved. Approval of May minutes motion was made by Councilman Clendenin. The second to the motion was made by Don Skinner. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Approval of June Minutes motion was made by Mark Presutti. The second was made by Jeff Zenoski. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Brian Clendenin voiced concern that the foundation for his Fathers headstone had not yet been poured. It has been several months since the request was made by Hart's Memorials. Don Skinner mentioned that now that someone is in place to take care of the cemetery that the situation should be taken care of.

Lois explained that the cemetery maintenance is paid from the General Fund. John Francisco is going to show Brock Waite how to do the footers. Lois Reynolds explained that situation should be taken care of shortly.

Rick Jordan asked why Brock Waite was taking the Cemetery truck home from work. It was explained that due to the threat of vandalism at the cemetery Brock was given permission to drive the truck from home to work and back but was not allowed to use it for personal gain.

Additional discussion regarding the upkeep followed. Don Skinner indicated that now that they had someone in place things should get better.

Lois gave the floor To Rick Jordan and Mike Bassett. Rick wanted to know if the job for the Cemetery Superintendent was posted. The job was not posted. The Supervisor went through old applications to select Brock Waite. Rick wanted to know why the highway department was

not doing the cemetery. Lois explained that the Highway was never supposed to be that way. Due to circumstances care of the cemetery was transferred to the Highway.

Due to an audit last year the Town was not following the State mandated legislation regarding how cemeteries are to be taken care of. Sometimes the Highway did do the work and the State will sometimes look the other way. Lois Reynolds indicated that cemeteries now must be General Accounts the money cannot come from Highway.

Lois Reynolds presented resolution 2012-025 a resolution to appoint Lois as Town Supervisor for the remainder of 2012.

Town of Amity

Resolution No. 2012-025

Title: Appointment of Lois Reynolds to complete term of office for John Francisco

Offered by: Town Clerk Richard Winterhalter

At the *July 9th, 2012* Town of Amity Regular Town Board Meeting attended by Councilmen Mark Presutti, Jeff Zenoski, Brian Clendenin and Don Skinner.

WHEARAS the town of board will make appointments as necessary

BE IT RESOLVED, the town board appoints Lois Reynolds to replace the vacancy left by John Francisco who has resigned the office of Town Supervisor. This appointment will expire December 31, 2012.

Moved by Acting Supervisor Lois Reynolds, Seconded by Councilman Brian Clendenin

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes	Nays
Don Skinner	x	
Brian Clendenin	x	
Jeff Zenoski	x	
Mark Presutti	x	

Carried 4-0-0

Lois provided to the board the updated job description for the Cemetery Superintendent/Sexton and the Town's Responsibilities. Some discussion followed for clarification purposes.

A resolution 2012-024 was postponed until the next meeting.

Discussion regarding how the cemeteries were set up years ago took place Lois Reynolds indicated clearly this position was not a Highway position. She also indicated that clear job descriptions were set up for the Cemetery Superintendent/Sexton position.

Lois indicated that requests for bids were accepted and that the Town had not decided how care of the Cemeteries would be done in the future.

Lois Reynolds read a letter written by a previous board indicated the Town of Amity has direction for the Town of Amity Cemeteries.

Lois asked Jim Reniff what his option of the Highway doing some work at the cemeteries. Jim responded that the cemeteries were not a part of the Highway.

Additional discussion followed with some input from Rick Jordan who was a highway employee at one time. Rick indicated that the highway would always dig the graves at that time.

Additional discussion followed no motions were made no decisions were made.

Jim Reniff indicated that the State bids for trucks are out. Nothing has been determined at this time. Don Skinner and Jim Reniff discussed the type of truck required.

Jim reported the town crew is trimming trees. Some Road repair work will be done on Back River Road specifically in the vicinity of Dick Benjamin's.

Lois reported on a major project coming up. It will be to create a water district in the Town of Amity which will be to supply water for out of Village Residents. Lois has meet with the Village Mayor and Town Lawyer Andy C. Lois asked the board to meeting Monday July 16th as a committee to discuss this project. Additional discussion followed a decision was made to continue discussion at the committee meeting on July 16th Town Attorney Andy C will also be present.

The Town will need to set up 1 different district which will include the private lines.. The Town will set up a water board with a representative from each area (private line).

Lois asked if anyone had questions regarding the Abstracts. Jeff Zenoski asked Jim Reniff if the town employees were paid for attending the Highway superintendents clam bake. Jim replied that they were. That past practice has dictated they would. Some discussion regarding staying to the letter of the Union Contract and that past practiced would not be valid. Additional discussion resulted in the board deciding to enter executive session. This discussion was terminated pending executive session.

A motion to approve Abstract 8 for both The General Fund (\$27,052.820 and The Highway Fund (\$26,834.92) was made by Brian Clendenin. A second was made by Don Skinner. The motion carried 3-1-0 with Jeff Zenoski voting Nay.

Mark Presutti made a motion to enter Executive Session. Jeff Zenoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Executive Session entered at 8:47 PM.

Executive Session ended at 9:22PM.

No decisions were made no votes were taken.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian Clendenin. The second was made by Jeff Zenoski. Motion carried 4-0-0.

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Next Regular meeting will be held August 13, 2012 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully yours,
Richard Winterhalter
Town Clerk