

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Town Board—Town of Amity  
March 15, 2010**

**Present:** Supervisor: Lois Reynolds  
Councilman: Jeff Zenoski, Brian Clendenin, Mark Presutti and John Francisco.  
**Town clerk:** Richard Winterhalter  
**Highway Superintendent:** Jim Reniff

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Approximately 92 Town Residents. A sign in Sheet was available for residents to sign in. This information has been filed with these minutes. The sign in sheet has not been electronically filed.

Supervisor Lois Reynolds called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at *7:00PM*.

Lois asked the guests if they were all here to talk about the new assessment. All guests indicated that was there purpose for attending

The meeting was turned over to the tax assessor. The town board then adjourned to a different room.

The board then allowed Lisa Plummer was allowed to speak to the board.

Lisa asked if the Town Board set the assessment value for the amount per acre. The board responded that they did not know since that had been done before any of them were members. Mark told Lisa that the State had set the assessment for this new assessment.

Lisa asked if data collection was started from scratch. The board answered Yes the collection was started from scratch. Lisa asked for more details. The board responded that only the assessor could answer those specific questions regarding how the assessor gathered the data.

Lisa now asked if the assessor informed the board that she was done. The board responded that the assessor did not. The board then explained that they had no control over the assessment.

Lisa asked if the board looked over the figures. The board indicated they had not. The assessor was down to the last day and the letters were sent without giving the board time to review any part of the assessments.

Lisa asked about what the assessment was going to look for next year. The board responded that next years tax assessment would be the same as this year. The new assessment had been rescinded which meant that nothing has changed.

Lisa was also concerned about some of the elderly citizens of Amity and those that were not present at this meeting. The board indicated that a letter was going to be sent to all residents

explaining that this assessment has been rescinded. A copy of this letter was being handed out tonight. Lisa's was told that a news reporter was in the audience and so was a representative from the State.

At this time three representatives from the County Legislature were introduced. Norm Ungerman, Mike Healy, and Fred Sinclair. The legislatures were here to hear about the concerns and needs of the Town of Amity.

Mark Presutti asked about all of the tax exempt property. Mr. Ungerman explained that the County needed to do a better job of communicating with the Town. Some exemptions should be eliminated. He also indicated that the County legislature was working to this end. Mr Ungerman indicated that the cold war exemptions is one that could be eliminated.

Mr. Sinclair asked if a copy of the towns comprehensive plan was available. This plan is available on the Town's web site.

The County Representative's all spoke about development in Belvedere. The planning has been done for this development. They are looking for prime users that would be interested in locating to this project. Much discussion followed about State aid. The State Comptrollers office will not approve the plan until the County has the end user(s). This hampers development due to lack of financial resources. Mr. Healy indicated that everyone he has spoken to about the development project is in favor of completing this project. Additional discussion was done. The Legislators wanted the Town to be aware that they are not dragging there feet and are trying hard to resolve all of the issues. Some of which involve water, sewer, end users as well as gaining control of the property.

John Francisco asked about garbage disposal. Mr. Ungerman indicated that when the present landfill was exhausted that it is probable that it will be turned into a transfer station. The discussion that followed including talking about recycling not being very profitable.

Wind power has been stalled due to the current payback being iffy.

The County legislators were asked in closing to set a high priority to getting the Belvedere project going.

A discussion regarding dissolution of the Village and making it all Town. Mr. Ungerman explained that merging of the Town and Village could not be done without a public referendum. Discussion followed regarding the pro's and con's of a merger.

No decisions were made. No votes were taken.

Lois thanked the Legislators for taking time to talk to the Town Board about concerns and issues.

.Abstracts were Reviewed by all Council members

General Fund Abstract – 05    Claim 54 – 66 Total \$8,045.66  
Highway Fund Abstract - 05    Claim 48 - 54 Total \$12,855.01

A motion was made by Councilman Zenoski to approve the bills 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Presutti passed 5-0-0

General Fund Abstract – 06      Claim 67 - 74 Total \$59,389.33  
Highway Fund Abstract- 06      Claim 55 - 69 Total \$12,573.25

A motion was made by Councilman Zenoski to approve the bills 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Presutti passed 5-0-0

The Town Clerk presented minutes from previous meetings to the board. Reading of the minutes was waived. Each member of the board had a copy of the minutes which they read. Motion to accept made by Mark Presutti and second Jeff Zenoski Motion Carried 5-0-0.

The Village of Belmont is putting out a bid request to paint the wood on Town Hall. The Town will then be allowed to review the bid. Once a bid is approved the Town will split the cost with the Village.

Discussion regarding the RG&E bills that should have been split with the Village did not result in any decision or votes. Additional research needs to be done regarding back payment. The current RG&E bill will be split.

At 6PM Monday March 22, 2010 a meeting will be held by the Town Board. This will be an executive meeting. The meeting is expected to be attended by a representative of the State and the assessor Sandy Keenan. Town Clerk will not be present.

Jim Reniff needs to order his equipment. A machinery account for 20,000 to be used for purchase of equipment. A carryover of 10,000 from last year add in the carryover from the snow contact the amount totals \$32,480.00.

Two bids were made for the trailer. The trailer specifications were for some custom design which is different from the normal stock trailer's in this class.

Bid one from Vantage Equipment LLC for 30,634.00 was not according to Specifications, was rejected by virtue of the 2<sup>nd</sup> bid being accepted.

Bid two from George & Swede Sales and Service for 26,397.00 which will meet all of the specifications. John Francisco made a motion to accept. Mark Presutti made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bid was accepted 5-0-0.

Lois indicated that we have \$6,083.00 left and three pieces of equipment to replace. 2 for the cemetery and 1 for the Highway.

Two quotes were made for the mowing machine.

Bid 1 was from Maple Mountain Equipment for \$6,542.49.

Bid 2 was from Lakeland Equipment Corp for \$2,600.00 after trade in.

John Francisco motioned to accept bid two. Motions was seconded by Brian Clendenin. Carried 5-0-0.

Bid 1 was rejected by virtue of accepting bid 2.

The third piece of equipment was for a John Deere 4720 TRACT.

Bid 1 was from Lakeland Equipment for \$7,717.76 after trade in.

Bid 2 was from Maple Mountain Equipment for 3,800.39 after trade in.

John Francisco motioned to accept bid 2. Second by Brian Clendenin. Carried 5-0-0.

Bid 1 was rejected by virtue of accepting bid 2.

Discussion for purchase of a bucket truck from Ron Preston. Jim Reniff described the truck as being a one ton GMC in very good shape. The quote from Mr., Preston was from \$3400.00 to \$3500.00. A vote on the purchase will be done at the next meeting providing the truck is still available and will pass inspection.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Zenoski. Second was mad by John Francisco. Vote 5-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:17PM.

Next Regular Meeting for the Town of Amity was set for April 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Winterhalter,  
Town Clerk