

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Town Board—Town of Amity
September 7, 2010**

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

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Supervisor Lois Reynolds called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:16PM

The Town Clerk presented minutes from previous meetings to the board. Reading of the minutes was waived. Two corrections were made by Lois Reynolds Motion to accept as corrected was made by Mark Presutti and second by John Francisco. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

Abstracts were Reviewed by all Council members

General Fund Abstract – *Abstract #15 Vouchers 189 – 210 Total \$25,389.58*
Highway Fund Abstract- *Abstract #15 Vouchers 167 – 181 Total \$21,859.25*

A motion was made by Councilman Presutti to approve the bills 2nd by Councilman Francisco. The vote on the Abstracts was split.
General Fund passed 3-1-0. Brian Clendenin voted Nay.
Highway Fund Passed 4-0-0

A discussion regarding keeping all CHIPS projects took place. The main topic was that all CHIPS projects stay within the CHIPS amount allocated to each project.

Jim Reniff reported on the projects the town crew is doing at this time. A discussion regarding the need to hire a full time employee because the town crew is currently shorthanded and is falling behind on some projects. The point was made that it may be more efficient to hire a part time person.

No decisions were made.

A discussion of the upcoming negotiations between the local union and the Town lead to several points that should be made during the negotiations. These points included:

Change of Classification
Making the cemetery a separate department

These points and others will be made during the negotiation process.

Town laws that would extend the terms of the Supervisor, Highway Superintendent and Town clerk from 2 years to 4 years were presented to the board. Richard Winterhalter answered questions regarding these laws. John Francisco made a motion to accept and Mark Presutti

seconded the motion. All three laws were voted on at one time and passed 4-0-0. These laws now become referendums for the October election. Before being enacted they must be voted on and receive a majority vote by the voters of Amity. Richard Winterhalter will take the necessary information to the board of elections.

The truck stop has had two referrers appointed. The Town of Amity has the responsibility of keeping the area secure and clean. A discussion followed. No decision were made.

A discussion regarding having a resolution similar to the resolution passed by the Town of Barker regarding urging State approval of horizontal gas drilling in the State. The board is in favor of having such a resolution.

A motion to accept a resolution which is a word for word copy of the Town of Barker's Resolution changing the town and county names to Amity and Allegany was made by Mark Presutti and seconded by John Francisco. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The town clerk will have a Town of Amity resolution prepared for the next board meeting for review without a vote. The resolution will be sent to the town of Barker

The board discussed a request from the Kinship Family and Youth Services to rent and additional room. The cost of this rent will be \$50.00 per month to be split between the town of Amity and the Village of Belmont. The town clerk was asked to draft a letter to Kinship indicating the Towns approval.

Jeff Zenoski made the motion to accept this proposal. The motions was seconded by Mark Presutti. Motion carried 4-0-0.

A discussion of the Stocking suit resulted in the need to keep a road condition log.

Board went into executive session at 8:20PM. The session ended at 8:55PM. No votes were needed.

Next Regular Meeting for the Town of Amity was set for *September 20 at 7:00 PM*. This meeting will be a combined budget and regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Presutti. The second was made by John Francisco. Meeting to adjourn at 8:20PM carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Winterhalter,
Town Clerk