

# TOWN OF AMITY

## Regular Board Meeting

April 8, 2013

Present: Supervisor Charles Criss, Councilmen Mark Presutti, Don Skinner, Brian Clendenin and Zeff Zenoski

Deputy Clerk: Christina VanCuren

Highway Superintendent: Jim Reniff

Absent: Highway Superintendent: Richard Winterhalter.

Also Present: Gary Ordway Mark Bliven Mark Cline Lois Reynolds.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Criss at 07:02 PM.

Supervisor Criss led the pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Criss gave the floor to Lois Reynolds. Lois talked about the planning Board Resolution dated in January 2012 stating that we would designate 3 members for the Planning Board. Upon further research a 3 man board is illegal. The resolution for Jan. 2012 needs to be rescinded. There must be a 5-7 man board. A motion was made to rescind the Jan. 2012 resolution by Councilman Clendenin, second by Councilman Presutti. Passed 4-0-0. Lois will draw up a new resolution for a 7 man board in order to insure a quorum for each meeting.

Supervisor Criss went over old Town news. The water district plan is still in progress. Councilman Skinner is still looking into grants. Concerns about the work needing to be done with pothole on the Back River Rd were discussed. The highway department stated that they did not have the proper equipment to fill the potholes. Suggestions were made to buy plates to put over the bed of the 2005 Chevy pickup to put material to fill the potholes. A motion was made by Supervisor Criss, Second by Councilman Skinner, approved 4-0-0 to allow the purchase to be made. Councilman Skinner asked Highway Superintendent Reniff if he had gotten any quotes on tin for the roof. Superintendent Reniff stated that he had not. Councilman Skinner stated that he needed to get quotes, and get the roof done. Superintendent Reniff was asked about a machine for shoulder work.

The Town Highway Dept. does not own a machine to do shoulder work. Councilman Zenoski said he would check and see if the County had one available. Councilman Presutti asked what work had been done at in the Highway Dept. today? The Highway department employees stated that nothing had been done due to knowing what Superintendent Reniff wanted them to do for the day. The board suggested a dry erase board with a "to do" list for the Highway workers to follow when Superintendent Reniff is not in. Supervisor Criss asked when work was going to start on Ackerman Hill. Superintendent Reniff said when the weather breaks.

Supervisor Criss suggested a full time employee for the cemetery. The board decided to table the discussion for executive session.

Supervisor Criss reminded the Highway employees that there was a class at Alfred Tec being held April 9, 2013 at 6:45. Supervisor Criss stated it was mandatory. Superintendent Reniff was give at least two weeks' notice to let the employees know of this brake training, and just let them know this morning (4/8/2013). Gary Ordway, and Mark Cline stated they were unable to attend. Mark Bliven stated he would go. When asked why he did not inform his employees sooner Superintendent Reniff stated he had dropped the ball on this, and should have let them know sooner.

Supervisor Criss presented the Pre-trip Resolution to the board, and the Highway employees to go over. A motion was made by Chuck Criss to accept the Resolutions. Second by Councilman Presutti passed 4-0-0.

Superintendent Criss stated Arbor Development Project. They are making progress on Pilot Proposal. He should know more by next meeting.

Councilman Presutti brought it to the Highway employee's attention that you cannot take a sick day, and then get paid overtime for the same day. You cannot work if you call in sick.

Highway Report: Superintendent Reniff stated that the Highway has been plowing, loading sand, and doing things around the shop. The Highway is Looking at abandoning Old Stated Rd. in Belvidere. Need to come up with a plan for fixing Iron Rd.

A motion to accept General abstract 4 in the amount of \$41,447.88 and Highway abstract 4 in the amount of \$25,832.41 was made by Councilman Skinner. A second was made by Councilman Clendenin. The motion carried 4-0-0.

A motion to enter executive session to discuss employment for the cemetery was made by Supervisor Criss. The second was made by Councilman Zenoski. The motion carried 4-0-0. Executive Session was entered at 8:25PM.

Executive session ended at 9:12PM.

A motion made by Councilman Clendenin to open regular meeting, second by Councilman Skinner.

Supervisor Criss made a motion to hire a Part time Highway Employee primarily to work in all cemeteries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Presutti. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

It is decided that a part time employee will be hired for the cemetery. Town Clerk Winterhalter will put an ad in the paper for the position.

A motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 9:15pm was made by Councilman Zenoski. The second was made by Councilman Presutti. Motion carried 4-0-0.

The next regular board meeting will be held the May13,2013 at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

Sincerely, Christina VanCuren Deputy Town of Amity Clerk