

TOWN OF AMITY

Regular Board Meeting

July 8, 2013

APPROVED BY BOARD pending copy of prepared statement made by Supervisor Criss

Present: Supervisor Chuck Criss, Councilmen: Brian Clendenin, Jeff Zenoski, Don Skinner, & Mark Presutti

Clerk:

Deputy Clerk: Christina VanCuren

Highway Superintendent

Absent: Richard Winterhalter, Jim Reniff

Also Present: Numerous citizens from the Town of Amity, and Village of Belmont

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor at 7:00 pm

Supervisor Criss led the pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Criss waived the reading of the minutes. All board members had received via email the minutes. They all had read them. Board approved the minutes with corrections.

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Councilman Presutti. Second by Councilman Zenoski. Carried 4-0-0.

Supervisor Criss gave the floor to Ron Taylor. Ron has volunteered to compose a map of Forest Hills Cemetery for free. He is looking for volunteers to help get the info from the cemetery. A motion was made to allow Ron to inventory the cemetery, and build a database for the Allegany County Cemetery website by Councilman Clendenin. Second by Councilman Presutti.

Roll call:	Aye	Nay
Chuck Criss	X	
Brian Clendenin	X	
Mark Presutti	X	
Don Skinner	X	

Carried 4-0-0.

Supervisor Criss gave the floor to the many citizens from the Town of Amity, and The Village of Belmont to discuss the planning board and zoning. Due to the high volume of individuals present the meeting was moved to the park circle. Once everyone moved outside questions began. Supervisor Criss stated that Councilman Skinner had approached him to get the Resolution pass quickly for the Planning board. That he was trying to sneak a local law through without anyone knowing about it. He stated that Skinner was trying to do this legally, but not morally. Councilman Skinner stated that he wanted to discuss the Resolution in this meeting with the other board members before making a decision. And that it had been tabled at the June board meeting to be discussed at this meeting. One citizen asked about zoning laws. If a zoning law is passed, will the govt. be able to tell you what to do with your land? He does not want the govt. to have the power to tell him what he can or cannot do with his property. Councilman Skinner replied even if someone wanted to open an adult shop by your house? Would you care then? Citizens answered they did not care. Citizen Don Baker asked why there was no notice given about the Resolution for the Planning Board? A few citizens stated that they thought Councilman Skinner had his own agenda, and that he was doing this with his own agenda. They made comments asking what had happened to him in Friendship? They had heard he was run out of town there. They wanted to know when the last time was that he paid taxes on the Hotel. Another citizen questioned the Board members as to what they were going to vote, for or against the Planning Board (Zoning Laws)? The Board members stated that they would like to review the material before they decided to make any decisions. A suggestion made by many of the Citizen was to vote that the Planning Board be resolved. At this time a motion by the Board Members to schedule a public meeting for July 22, 2013 at the Amity Rescue Squad at 7:00 pm to discuss the issue by Councilman Presutti. Second by Councilman Clendenin. Carried 3-0-0.

At this time the Citizens left the park circle, and the Board members went back into the Town Hall to finish the meeting.

Board members questioned Supervisor Criss, asking why they were not given a chance to go over the Planning Board Resolution before going to the public? He stated that Councilman Skinner was pushing to have the Resolution passed this meeting. All of the Councilmen stated that they felt like they were being thrown under the bus. That they should have been able to discuss this in the meeting tonight, and then hold a public meeting for it to be discussed.

Highway: Jim was absent from the meeting, so Councilman Skinner gave an update on the Highway. There are 3 major jobs that need to be done. 1) Ackerman Hill needs re-profiled. Estimate cost is \$43,099.01. Also needed is surface treating with #2 stone. Estimated at \$30,424.62. This does not include the cost of the #2 stone. Total before the stone is \$73,523.63. 2) Feathers Creek Rd surface treating estimate is \$17,873.97. 3) Irish Settlement \$3,515.38. 3A) Irish Settlement Loop \$5,180.40. Total for Irish Settlement is \$8,695.78. These jobs should be top priority. Would like to get them done in time to get CHIPS money this quarter. Don also proposed using Suit-Kote to help do the work.

Roll Call:	Aye	Nay
Chuck Criss	X	
Brian Clendenin	X	
Mark Presutti	X	
Jeff Zenoski	X	
Don Skinner	X	

Carried 5-0-0.

A motion to accept the General and Hwy abstracts made by Councilman Presutti. Second by Councilman Zenoski. Carried 4-0-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Presutti. Second by Councilman Skinner. Carried 4-0-0.

The next regular board meeting will be held the 2nd Monday of August, 12 at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

Sincerely, Richard Winterhalter Town of Amity Clerk

Christina VanCuren Deputy Town Clerk
