

TOWN OF AMITY MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2014

APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Present: Supervisor Dana Ross, Councilpersons , Jeff Zenoski, Josh Brown, Brian Clendenin and Miranda VanDyke

Clerk: Richard Winterhalter

Highway Superintendent: Bill Bigelow

Absent:

Also Present: Exhibit A.

All Votes taken at this meeting will be by roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dana Ross at 7:00PM.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Zenoski.

A motion to wave the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was made by Councilman Zenoski. The second was made by Councilwoman VanDyke. All councilman and the supervisor voted Aye. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Councilwoman VanDyke . Second by Councilman Councilman Zenoski.All councilman and the supervisor voted Aye. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Supervisor Ross Opened the meeting to Brandon Lavelly. Brandon presented the advantages of having all rural property owners have 2 sided numbered signs. This would be of a help for locating property for the police, ambulance and fire department. Brandon informed the board the cost of these signs is about \$15.00 per sign plate. The Town of Amity has approximately 950 residences. This would be a cost of \$14,250.00. A fund raiser was suggested. Councilman Zenoski asked if the fire company would consider purchasing signs. He indicated that he thought other towns fire companies have done this. . Additional discussion took place. Harold Mitchell was asked to participate in this discussion. Supervisor Ross suggested the Town and the Fire Department work together to reach a solution. Councilman Zenoski was assigned to work with the Fire

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Company on this issue. It was suggested that Amity Rescue could also be included. Report to be done at next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 2014-015 was introduced and read by Supervisor Ross. This is to rescind 2014-013 and appoint Paula VanDyke to the planning board to a 3 year term.

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Councilman Brown. A second was made by Councilman Clendenin.

Councilpersons Brown, Zenoski, Clendenin and Supervisor Ross all voted Aye. Councilperson VanDyke abstained.

The motion carried 4-0-1

Water District:

Supervisor Ross passed out a draft for discussion purposes depicting the schedule of events that need to be followed. Exhibit B. Supervisor Ross discussed each item in detail. Board members interacted and asked questions. Supervisor Ross is looking to the Village of Belmont for support and help. He is also looking for what Grants may be available to help offset the cost of creating the four water districts. The anticipation is that by August the water districts will be established. Supervisor Ross discussed the probable cost. The cost will be borne by only within the four water districts. No cost will be paid by Village residents or residents that are not in any of the water districts.

Councilwomen VanDyke asked about persons wishing to opt out. Supervisor Ross explained that resident within a specific district will be paying rather they are getting water or not. A question yet to be answered is about agriculture land that will not use water. This issue will be addressed and resolved. Maintenance of the infrastructure was discussed and is an issue that will also be resolved.

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Supervisor Ross made a motion to change the date of the Board of Assessment Review as per the right to do so by local law 92-1 to the 2nd Monday after the 4th Tuesday in May which will be June 9, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilman Zenoski. All councilpersons voted Aye. No Nay votes.

SPCA:

Supervisor Ross asked for discussion of the SPCA SEQUR process. Supervisor Ross welcomed Fred Sinclair and Linda from the SPCA. Councilman Zenoski expressed his support of the SPCA and the SEQUR. Councilman Zenoski made a motion to support the Environmental (SEQUR) process. A second was made by Councilman Brown. A short discussion followed. Councilman Brown and Zenoski voted Aye. Councilwoman VanDyke and Councilman Clendenin voted and Supervisor Ross voted Nay. Motion failed 2-3-0.

Sponsorship of the driveway was discussed. Fred Sinclair was asked to explain the legal process and requirements of the driveway.

A motion to sponsor the Driveway permit was made by Councilman Zenoski. The second was made by Councilman Brown. Councilman Brown and Zenoski voted Aye. Councilwoman VanDyke voted Nay. Councilman Clendenin and Supervisor Ross abstained. Motion failed 2-1-2.

. A motion to table indefinitely the creation of an ACO until the budget process begins was made by Supervisor Ross. The second was made by Councilman Clendenin. Discussion regarding the creation of an Animal Control Officer and the costs and budgeting considerations was held. Max Bigelow participated in the discussion. All Councilpersons voted Aye. No Nay Votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

The DCO report was not reviewed due to the DCO still having computer problems. The YTD budget Report, Clerks report and Bookkeepers report were reviewed. No discussion took place.

No new Business:

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Highway Report by Bill Bigelow:

Still plowing. Some problems with pipes freezing up. Run low on Propane and purchased from For Kids Auto who had some. Trucked in 400 ton of salt and sand. Dug four graves at Foresthill. Patching potholes. Attended a seminar in Rochester excavator awareness for safety about gas line and other underground utilities. Purchased the coal that was approved at the last meeting. The cab and chassis for the new truck should be at the dealership soon. Next week will pour the concrete in the shop. Three Burials were completed. Mitch Haskell is back full time with a previous employer which leaves the cemetery position open. The position will be advertised. Clerk Winterhalter asked Superintendent Bigelow to provide the specifications for this position. Supervisor Ross spoke of the urgency to get this position filled quickly so that the cemetery will look good by Memorial Day. A letter of complaint regarding the neglect of Irons Road was discussed. Superintendent Bigelow informed the board that often debris would be in the road. The way to fix it would be to move the ditch which would require removal of some trees which the Town was not allowed to do. Supervisor Ross asked if the landowner could be contacted again. Additional discussion took place regarding possible solutions. Superintendent Bigelow will address the issue.

Some discussion regarding the Highway abstract took place regarding the heating of the Town Highway buildings. Also discussed was the uniform cleaning. No decisions were made.

A motion to accept General abstract 03 for \$19,412.62 and Highway Abstract 3 for \$28,525.33 was made by Councilman Clendenin. Second was made by Councilman Brown. All councilpersons voted Aye. There were no Nay votes. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Supervisors Round Table:

Councilwomen VanDyke updated the board regarding the progress of the fire department regarding the location of new fire company building. Informed the

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board that they were making sure all the issues were discussed prior to meeting with the Village Mayor.

Clerk Winterhalter expressed disappointment that the board did not do anything to help the SPCA.

Supervisor Ross has met with Ray DeTine regarding the benefits. Ray has been invited to attend the April meeting to make a presentation. Also mentioned that the Union contract is up this year and it would be good to get these issues on the table for the contract negotiations. Wants to start those negotiations and discussions started now rather than in September.

Next meeting date will be the 2nd Monday of April. April 14th at 7:00PM at Town Hall.

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Meeting Open to Public:

Several persons talked about the conditions of Ackerman Hill. Part of the road is caving in. The signs put there are not adequate. The road needs to be repaired before someone is badly injured. Discussion regarding this took place with the public and Superintendent Bigelow. Several examples were given regarding accidents that have already occurred. This issue will be addressed by the Highway department in the near future. Bill Bigelow said he would look at the portion of the road in question.

Harold Mitchell spoke about the upkeep of the cemetery. He suggested perhaps that a contract firm could be used which may even be cheaper than the Town can do it.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilwoman VanDyke . the Second was made by Councilman Clendenin. All Councilpersons voted Aye, There were no Nay votes. Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

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Sincerely, Richard Winterhalter Town of Amity Clerk

Christina VanCuren Deputy Town Clerk
