

# TOWN OF AMITY MINUTES

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2014

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

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

Clerk: Richard Winterhalter

Deputy Clerk:

Highway Superintendent: Bill Bigelow

Absent: Jeff Zenoski

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.

A motion to wave the reading of the April minutes was made by Councilperson VanDyke. The second was made by Councilperson Brown. All councilpersons and the supervisor voted Aye, there were no nay votes. The motion carried 4-0-0.

A motion to accept the April minutes was made by Councilperson Clendenin. The second was made by councilperson VanDyke. All councilpersons and the supervisor voted Aye, there were no nay votes.

Supervisor Ross reminded all board members and the Highway Superintendent that the job logs needed to be turned in to the bookkeeper as soon as possible.

The Town's bid on the purchase of the Kemp property was successful. The amount that will be paid is \$1,245.03 due by May 16<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Bill Bigelow will attend the Southern Tier West Storm Water management seminar to be held in Little Valley.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Two meetings have been held with MRB and the village of Belmont and the grant writer. The initial proposal for the creation of these districts has been changed. The result of this change will result in a delay of map approval and the public hearing. More brainstorming will take place and schedules will be reset. The master meters are currently an issue that has yet to be decided. Supervisor Ross said that a real rough estimate of doing this project would be about \$600,000.00 and require about two and one half years to complete. MRB will provide a better estimate which will be presented to the Village. The issue of Master Meters is still in the discussion phase.

The signs for rural residence will not be discussed again until the GPS corrections have been made.

The revised cemetery rules and regulations were reviewed by the board. A motion to accept the revised version was made by Councilperson VanDyke. The second was made by Councilperson Clendenin. All councilpersons and the supervisor voted Aye, there were no nay votes. All councilpersons signed the document.

The subject of a speed limit on Dry Brook Road in the Town of Amity was discussed. Supervisor Ross will complete the necessary State Forms to request the necessary study be done by the Department of Transportation. Supervisor Ross directed Clerk Winterhalter to have a resolution ready for the June meeting to request the DOT to perform such study.

Dave Dominik was asked if he had something to talk about. Dave talked about the safety issue on Ackerman Road. Dave asked if anything had been resolved at this time. Bill Bigelow said that they had extended the pipe and widened the shoulders. The explanation was that the board is not ready to delve into that subject since this is a seasonal use road. Driving on a seasonal use road is done at the drivers own risk. Bill Bigelow mentioned that there were signs at each end of the road advising drivers of the fact it is Seasonal. Dave then indicated that

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proper signs would be okay for the Town. Dave further asked about plowing. Bill indicated that he has no problem plowing since it is part of his route. Bill also indicated that guard Rails would be of no use.

Additional discussion took place. No decisions were made. Supervisor Ross indicated that this issue may be revisited.

#### ON GOING BUSINESS:

All reports were reviewed. The April DCO report had not been presented for review but will be presented in the June Meeting.

Councilman Clendenin noted that the missing \$10.00 from the last clerks report was shown on the current report. This was due to the timing of a 10.00 credit issued by DEC for a hunting license.

The board reviewed a letter submitted by Danyelle Bliven (Exhibit B) regarding the summer recreation program. A long discussion took place. All councilpersons were generally in agreement that the program had merit. They were somewhat in agreement that they would participate by donation to the program. They were all in consent that they would not administer the program and would not donate until an administrator was found. Supervisor Ross will call Ms. Bliven to explain the council's position. He would also suggest that Ms. Bliven contact the board again if such administrator is found.

#### HIGHWAY REPORT:

Superintendent Bigelow reported the following:

West Almond has offered \$65,000.00 for the Peterbuilt that was purchased 2 yrs. ago for \$70,000.00. This offer is more than expected. The council indicated that the \$65,000.00 would be acceptable.

Ackerman Hill pipes extended and shoulders widened.

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Plum Bottom Road did some ditching.

Whitcomb Road has been a problem from Tuckers Corners to the bridge due to gas lines across roads. The gas lines have been located and tested no leaks were found. Mid to late June hope to do oiling.

While brooming roads until the broom broke and needed to be repaired.

Two burials were done in the last month.

Repairing box on the Peterbuilt.

Supervisor Ross indicated that the Highway needed to get to an 8 year truck rotation. This is a goal the Highway will start to meet.

Cemeteries have been being kept up. A good job is being done. New fence has been put up and will be painted in the next two weeks.

Fixed issue with the River. Bill will get DEC to approve the repair.

A motion to accept the General abstract 05 for 17,609.90 and the Highway for \$15,834.06 made by Councilperson Clendenin. Second was made by Councilperson Brown.

All Councilpersons and the Supervisor voted Aye. There were no Nay Votes. Motion carried 4-0-0.

## ROUND TABLE.

Supervisor Ross introduced a Franchise agreement from Time Warner. He will ask the Town Attorney Andrew Cornell to review it. The Agreement will be available for any councilpersons who wish to review it.

Councilperson VanDyke provided an update on the fire hall. She reported that the Fire Hall must be kept in the Village due to insurance restrictions. This makes it difficult to find a suitable location. Currently 4 sites are being considered.

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OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Planning board Members Paula VanDyke and Wendy Skinner were present and provided updates on what the Planning board has been doing. Supervisor Ross asked the board to give immediate attention to bringing the Comprehensive Plan up to date. Discussion regarding Grant money took place.

The Next meeting date will be June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Town Hall at 7PM.

A motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss upcoming contract issues was made by Supervisor Ross. Second was made by Councilperson Clendenin. All councilpersons and the Supervisor voted Aye. There were no Nay votes. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

Executive Session was started at 8:15PM.

Executive Session ended at 8:45PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Clendenin. Second was made by Councilman Brown. Motion Carried 4-0-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

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Sincerely, Richard Winterhalter Town of Amity Clerk

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