

# TOWN OF AMITY MINUTES

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2014

**OFFICIAL APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

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

Clerk: Richard Winterhalter

Deputy Supervisor: John Francisco

Highway Superintendent: Bill Bigelow

Absent: Jeff Zenoski, Brian Clendenin

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 7:01PM.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to wave the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was made by Councilperson . A second to the motion was made by Councilperson .

All councilpersons and the Supervisor voted Aye. There were no Nay Votes. The motion carried 3-0-0.

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Councilperson Josh Brown. A second to the motion was made by Councilperson Miranda VanDyke .

All councilpersons and the Supervisor voted Aye. There were no Nay Votes. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Supervisor Ross thanked Highway Superintendent Bill Bigelow for the great work that is being done at the cemetery.

GUESTS:

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Supervisor Ross introduced Joseph Fisher. Mr. Fisher made a presentation about the NYS Fencing laws. He provided information regarding Keith Middaugh's horses running at large which is causing damage to his property. He requested that the Town have two fence viewers. These fence viewers could then be used to assess damage and provide the information to the owner which can be used to request payment for damages or file a civil suit. Supervisor Ross has promised to follow up on this complaint. Supervisor Ross will speak with the sheriff's office as well as the NY State Police.

John Francisco was introduced. John presented a list of site owners that were in violation with cemetery rules. The Clerk was asked to find current addresses for these people and draft a letter that would be given to the Supervisor for approval and signature prior to mailing. John also asked if a metal detector could be purchased. Superintendent Bigelow indicated he has money in the contingency fund that could be used. The detector would cost about \$200.00.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Water District update. Supervisor Ross indicated that MRB has not been in touch with the Town therefore there is nothing to report. IF MRB is not in contact by the end of the week Supervisor Ross will contact them.

### ON GOING BUSINESS:

\_Abstracts, DCO report for April, town clerks report, bookkeepers report and YTD budget were reviewed. Board had no questions. Supervisor Ross spoke of the Time Warner franchise fee. The Town attorney was advised. A report will be made on this subject in July.

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### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Broomed roads that were in need. We Patched Noble Street and Dry Brook road. We had some damage due to a heavy rain storm in May. Came up with an estimate of \$119,000 that has been submitted to FEMA. Supervisor Ross mentioned that he was of the understanding that this area was two million short of have enough damage to get any FEMA money. They are trying to get Steuben County involved which may be able to make the amount of damage qualify for FEMA money. Cemetery has been re-stoned. Did some crack seal on Back River Road earlier this month. Went to a conference in Little Valley. Did three burials. Reported the zero turn mower had the pump went bad and he is concerned the other mower may go bad. It is hoped that they can get through the summer without purchasing new mowers. Some discussion regarding the mower used to mow for the summer youth program which was donated by the town could be taken back by the town. The question of ownership was discussed. The Supervisor will look into this. The superintendent is getting quotes for new mower. Road shoulders are being mowed. Repaired bridge damage on Feathers Creek Road. Went to the highway school in Ithaca which provided a lot of good information as well as making contact with other Superintendents. He discussed a program that caterpillar offered that allowed the use of equipment at 15.00 per hour. Service work is included. He will look into this program. Questions on veterans makers in the cemetery. He was trying to find out who paid for this service. John Francisco will find this out. West Almond did not want the old truck. He thinks that the truck can be sold for 60,000.00. The bulldozer may need to be listed for sale. It is not used much. The Town can borrow Angelica's when needed

### NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2014-018 Speed study was introduced. Motion to accept was made by Miranda VanDyke. The second was made by Josh Brown.

All councilpersons and Supervisor Ross voted Aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 3-0-0.

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Resolution 2014-019 DCO and ticketing fees. Motion to accept was made by Miranda VanDyke. The second was made by Josh Brown.

All councilpersons and Supervisor Ross voted Aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Resolution 2014-020 Standard work day. Motion to accept was made by Miranda VanDyke. The second was made by Josh Brown.

All councilpersons and Supervisor Ross voted Aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 3-0-0.

The Town clerk will fill the necessary paperwork with the State Comptrollers office and post resolution on the bulletin board.

#### APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS:

A motion to accept the General Abstract 06 in the Amount of \$22,711.27 and Highway abstract 06 in the Amount of \$29,320.89 was made by Councilperson Miranda VanDyke . A second was made by Councilperson Josh Brown.

All councilpersons and Supervisor Ross voted Aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 3-0-0.

The next regular board meeting will be held the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014 at 7:00PM in Town Hall.

A short interactive discussion took place regarding the fencing and littering laws. Supervisor Ross confirmed he will look into this situation.

#### SUPERVISORS ROUND TABLE:

Clerk Winterhalter spoke of the need to get resources to locate missing laws minutes and resolutions as well as some software to deal with electronic filing. The board was asked to be considering these things for next year's budget. The figures will be available prior to budget preparation.

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John Francisco explained why the Town has purchased a vault in the cemetery and that it will be sold at a future date.

Miranda VanDyke

#### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Ivan Quantance talked about some problems with the creek causing problems with the bridge near his place of residence. Bill Bigelow is aware of this problem and is doing some research.

Harold Mitchel asked about buying a lot putting a vault in and not using it. John Francisco explained that the reason the town allowed the owner to change lots was good PR.

A question was asked about charging non town residence a different fee to purchase a grave site than for a resident. Councilman Brown explained that the State does not allow charging two different rates.

Supervisor Ross made a motion to enter executive session to discuss Union Contract negotiations. John Francisco was invited to the executive session Miranda VanDyke made the second.

All councilpersons and Supervisor Ross voted Aye. There were no nay votes. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Executive Session was entered at 8:05.

Executive Session ended at 9:10.

No votes were taken

#### ADJOURN MEETING:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Ross . A second was made by Councilperson Brown . Motion Carried 3-0-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11PM.

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Sincerely, Richard Winterhalter Town of Amity Clerk

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