

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Town Board—Town of Amity  
April 18, 2011**

Supervisor Lois Reynolds called the Regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00PM

**Present:** Councilman, Jeff Zenoski, Jon Francisco and Mark Presutti, Brian Clendenin

**Supervisor** Lois Reynolds

**Highway Superintendent** Jim Reniff

**Town clerk:** Richard Winterhalter

**Also Present:** Don Baker. Entire Town Crew.

The Town Clerk presented minutes from previous meetings to the board. Reading of the minutes was waived. Each member of the board had a copy of the minutes which they read. Motion to accept made by Jeff Zenoski and second by Mark Presutti Motion Carried 4-0-0.

Supervisor Lois Reynolds introduced Don Baker and gave him the floor.

Don Baker thanked the board for their hard work and their service to the community.

Mr. Baker presented his views on Town Budgeting process. Mr. Baker indicated that his taxes were raised approximately 800% which was requested in regard to a 1.4% inflation rate. Mr. Baker presented supporting evidence. He then asked the Board why the Budget went up 8.8%. He further acknowledged the need to replace aging equipment and asked if money were appropriated yearly to cover these expenses.

Supervisor Reynolds explained issues to Don regarding what went into making up the Town's budget.

Mark Presutti explained that the Town was trying to rebuild the contingency fund. Councilman Presutti indicated the contingency fund had been mismanaged by previous boards.

Supervisor Reynolds explained that the Town Highway budget does not pay for any part of services provided by the Village. The Town's General fund is used to pay for some services provided by the Village that benefits the residents of the Town not living in the Village limits.

Mark Presutti explained that the new 100% valuation assessment will help reduce the tax rate.

Mr. Baker completed his discussion by asking the board to set up some kind of red light that would be a safety valve to overly increasing taxes. He asked the Board if they would prioritize this suggestion.

The Highway Department did not have anything to report.

John Francisco asked for specs for possible Shale Drilling in the Town.

Lois Reynolds suggested re visiting a local law to control shale drilling.

Abstracts were reviewed by all Council members.

General Fund Abstract – #6 Vouchers ( 68-81) Total \$ 35,089.65

Highway Fund Abstract- #6 Vouchers (62-72) Total \$10,265.34

A motion was made by Councilman John Francisco to approve the bills 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Mark Presutti. Carried 4-0-0

At motion to enter executive session to talk with the Town Crew was made by Mark Presutti at 7:30PM. The motion was seconded by Brian Clendenin. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The executive session ended at 9:24PM. A motion to adjourn was made by John Francisco and second was made by Brian Clendenin. The motion carried 4-0-0. The meeting ended at 9:24PM.

Next Regular Meeting for the Town of Amity was set for *Mau 2nd, 2011 at 7:00 PM.*

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Presutti. The second was made by Brian Clendenin. Carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Winterhalter  
Town Clerk