

The Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-August 19, 2015
7:00pm Amboy Town Hall

Present: Barry Leemann-Supervisor
Frank Romanowski-Deputy Supervisor & Councilman
Kathy Wilkinson, Bruce Stone, & Susan Halbritter-Council
Members
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk

Others Present: John Perkins III -Highway Superintendent
Tim Kelley-Planning Board Chair/Historian
E.A. Dunham-Town Justice

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 pm, by Supervisor Leemann, who then asked Town Justice E.A. Dunham to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the Minutes: All board members and the supervisor had received updated minutes from the clerk, there were no questions or comments, so Mr. Leemann said he would move on with the meeting.

Dept. Head Reports:

Fire Dept: Vivian Walker handed out the Chief's status report on calls, the personnel roster, and the audit review report for the quarter that had ended in June. There were 28 total alarms, 18 of which were EMS calls. A question was raised as to how many members does the fire dept have? The answer was 26. The fire dept. will be holding a "boot drive" fundraiser in front of the old fire dept. building on State Route 69, on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Their reports are on file in the clerk's office.

Legislator-David Holst was absent, so no report was given.

Tug Hill-Paul Baxter reported that the commission is actively advertising for a replacement for John Bartow, who is retiring. The deadline for interested parties is September 1st, and Mr. Baxter said the commission hopes to have the new director on board by November. Steve Stelmashuck, Parish supervisor will be able to attend the meeting to choose the new director. Mr. Baxter also reported that the commission will be holding their meeting in Amboy, at the town hall on Monday, September 21st, from 4-6 p.m. Mr. Baxter also mentioned that there will be a workshop on Site Plan Review, for planning boards, and zoning boards, on Thursday, September 10th, from 7-9 pm, at the Central Square Village offices. Mr. Baxter also noted that the updating of the website continues, and he asked if at all possible, to send documents in PDF form, as it is better than scanning a document, and then sending it, as the scanned documents come across very large.

Highway Superintendent- John Perkins gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. He intends to chip seal on Harry Bryant Rd., and also do some spray sealing on most of the other roads, but only where they really need it. His report is on file in the clerk's office.

Town Clerk- The clerk gave her report to Mr. Leemann, along with a check for \$312.00, which

consisted of fees for 32 dog licenses, and 6 certified copies. The clerk's report is on file in her office.

Building & Codes-Wayne Hall gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The report is on file in the clerk's office. It included two new building permits, building permit inspections completed, and building permits completed.

Dog Control- Karen Ashley gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. Her report is on file in the clerk's office.

Planning Board-Tim Kelley gave copies of the minutes from the July 29, 2015 planning board meeting to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The bulk of that meeting was dedicated to updating the town's Comprehensive Plan. The minutes are on file in the clerk's office.

Historian-Tim Kelley also gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. It is on file in the clerk's office.

Town Justice-Judge Dunham reported that Earl Stone had called to say the roofing job has been completed. Also a new grant round is starting, and she stated that she will be looking to get a taser for her constable, but if the town was looking for anything else, all quotes or estimates would need to be given to her by September 30th, and this grant round would be over by October 15th.

Open to the Public: At this point the meeting was opened to the public. Beverly Levreault, 319 Stone Hill Rd., asked if there was a time that all the people running for office in the up coming elections could meet with the public? Mr. Leemann replied that the town has to stay neutral, but if someone was to contact the heads of any of the political committees in town, that would be different.

Correspondence- Mr. Leemann reported that he had attended a meeting with other town supervisors from the county, along with highway committee members, the chairman of the legislature, and some others. It was decided that the county won't be paying the towns for drawing sand, and that is \$14,000.00 that was already budgeted for Amboy, that now we will not be receiving. Mr. Leemann stated that no one was very happy with that decision, but there isn't too much that can be done about it.

Old Business- There was no old business to discuss.

New Business-The Republican primary will be held on a Thursday this year, instead of a Tuesday. The date is September 10, 2015, from noon until 9 pm.

Mr. Leemann reported that he had met with a representative from the insurance company, and they inspected the town hall, the town garage, and the town park. Everything was good, the only question raised was whether the town has a sexual harassment policy? When asked, the clerk replied that she doesn't believe we do have one.

Mr. Leemann also reported that budget requests will be sent out soon to dept heads, and the tax cap will be held to .74%, due to inflation, so any savings from any dept. would be helpful.

Approval of the Bills- Mrs. Halbritter made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers on abstract #008-15, in the amount of \$26, 967.46. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried. Mr. Leemann made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers on abstract #008-15, in the amount of \$3,766.67. His motion was seconded by Mr. Romanowski, and carried.

Supervisor's Report-Mr. Leemann gave copies of the reconciliation summary, and balance sheet of both the General and Highway funds to the board members and clerk. He stated that the full report is on file in his office.

Open to the Public-Once again the meeting was opened to the public. Rhea Russell asked if the town did any advertising concerning use of the park? Mr. Leemann replied that no, he wants it to be used by members of the town, first. There is no fee to use the park by townspeople, and there is a set fee for out of towners. Mr. Leemann also stated that the park has been used quite a bit this year, and he doesn't think that the park has ever looked better. A new hand painted sign has been erected, as the old one was rotting. Mrs. Halbritter asked if the members of the Tug Hill Commission could do a tour of the park before their meeting on the 21st, and that was decided to be a good idea.

Adjournment- With no other business to attend to, at 7:52 pm Mr. Romanowski made a motion to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Mrs. Halbritter, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark

Amboy Town Clerk