

Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-August 17, 2016
Amboy Town Hall-7:00 pm

Present: Kathleen Wilkinson-Supervisor
Bruce Stone, Lawrence Rayder, Mark McNabb &
Richard Bryant-Councilmen
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk

Others Present: John Perkins III-Highway Superintendent
Tim Kelley-Planning Board Chair/Historian
Vivian Walker, Corey Douglas-W. Amboy Fire Dept.
Nancy Heintz-Tax Collector
Tom Vona-Planning Board
Dale Wheeler-Dog Control Officer
Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider

Supervisor Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 7:01pm, and asked Carl Rayder from the Highway Dept. to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of Minutes- The clerk read the minutes from the July, 2016 board meeting, and they were accepted as read with one correction. Motion made by Mr. Rayder to accept, seconded by Mr. Stone, with all in favor. The correction was Tom Vona went to the Parish Planning Board meeting, not Tim Kelley.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept Report-Vivian Walker passed out the status report on calls, and the personnel roster to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. There were 31 total alarms, with 15 being EMS calls. The personnel roster was given out, as there have been changes made. Vivian Walker is now the president until the end of the year, and Corey Douglas is treasurer. It was suggested to the fire dept. to have a steak bake or a gun raffle, to raise money. They have had steak bakes in the past, and they are a lot of work, but they will look into a gun raffle. In the meantime, they will be holding a boot drive on Labor Day weekend. They also reported that they are getting a truck from Scriba, to add to their fleet.

Legislator-Dave Holst was not at the meeting.

Highway Report-John Perkins gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. His report is on file in the clerk's office. He was not at the meeting, as it is his wedding anniversary.

Town Historian-Tim Kelley gave a written report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. His report is on file in the clerk's office. His report contained interesting information about a biographical sketch that was being done on Henry Piseski's brother-in-law, in which Henry was able to provide important documentation for the sketch.

Planning Board-Tim Kelley reported that Alix Krueger will be working on the minutes from their meeting, when she starts feeling better from having had surgery. A discussion ensued about the Elk's Club purchasing the Girl Scout camp, and how it is being developed.

Codes Officer-Ron Marsden has issued 4 building permits, and has been busy dealing with some landlord/tenant issues.

Dog Control- Dale Wheeler has been fairly busy, including working on a case where dogs were stolen right out of their driveway.

Tax Collector-Nancy Heintz reported that not much is going on.

Town Justice-The town justice was not at the meeting.

Town Clerk-The clerk took in \$151.00 total, and gave her report and a check for \$134.00 to the supervisor, and also a check for \$17.00 went to Animal Population Control.

Town Accounting Officer-Nancy Butler has started preparations for budget season.

Tug Hill Commission-Paul Baxter reported that there will be a Town Budget Process workshop at the Albion Town Hall, on Tuesday, August 30th, from 7-9 pm. Mr. Baxter also reported on a meeting in Lee concerning the Emerald Ash Borer, which is open to towns and land owners. Mr. Baxter also spoke of upcoming training sessions for planning boards and zbas, and the possibility of one being held in Amboy. Finally, he said he hoped to have the Town Comparisons done soon, to help with budget purposes.

Open to the Public- At this point, the meeting was opened to the public. Tom Vona asked if anyone knew what was going on with Time Warner? New Visions has applied for a grant to try and come into town, and now it looks like Time Warner is possibly doing something?

Old Business-Mrs. Wilkinson said she remembered to bring the code of ethics with her, and all of the board members and the clerk were given a copy. Mr. Bryant resolved to adopt the code of ethics, seconded by Mr. Rayder. Roll Call: Stone-yes, Rayder-yes, McNabb-yes, Bryant-yes, and Wilkinson-yes. Code of Ethics adopted, with all in favor. The supervisor, board members, and clerk all signed the copy that will be in the clerks office.

Mrs. Wilkinson reported that the Union Contract with the highway dept. is being reviewed, and some changes have been proposed. The board will be meeting in Executive Session to discuss.

A new payroll company has been in effect since July 1st. Direct deposit will be available to anyone who would like it, after the next full payroll. Forms will be available to anyone who would like to make that change.

A proposal was sent to the town concerning a different phone system. Mr. Bryant reported that he thought it was a good proposal.

Town park reservations have been going well. Several people have reserved the pavilion over the summer months. Town clerk wasn't sure where the Reserved sign is located. She will try to find out.

Executive session: At 8:14 pm, Mr. Bryant made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the union labor contract. His motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and all were in favor. Executive session ended at 8:42 pm on motion by Mr. McNabb, and seconded by Mr. Bryant. Mr. Rayder made the motion to return to the regular board meeting, seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried. Mr. Stone made a motion to add an addendum to the union contract, his motion was seconded by Mr. McNabb.

New Business- Signs are being made, and will be put up at both the Amboy Center and Butler cemeteries.

A tentative date for a preliminary budget meeting will be 9/14, at 6 pm, with budget letters to dept. heads by 9/1.

Correspondence- The 2017 fee schedule for the Department of Solid Waste was received by the town.

Mrs. Wilkinson received a letter from Traveler's Ins. Co. informing her that a lawsuit they were handling has had no activity for 6 years, so they are going to close their claim after 30 days, and wanted to let her know.

Approval of the Bills- Mr. McNabb made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers#184-204, in the amount of \$21,761.41. His motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried. Mr. Rayder made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #134-149, in the amount of \$4,653.60. His motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant, and carried.

Supervisor's Report- Balance sheets and reconciliation summaries for both the general and highway funds were provided to the board members and clerk. A copy of the full monthly financial statement was also provided. A copy of all financial reports is available from Ms. Butler, town accounting officer, or from the supervisor

Open to the Public-Once again the meeting was opened to the public. No questions or comments were made.

Adjournment-At 8:45 pm Mr. Bryant made the motion to adjourn. His motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark
Amboy Town Clerk