

Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES- April 18, 2022
Amboy Town Hall-7:00 pm

Present: Kathleen Wilkinson-Supervisor
Holly Humphries, Larry Rayder, & Bruce Stone-
Town Board Members
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk
Tim Kelley-Planning Board Chair/Historian
John Perkins III-Highway Superintendent
Susan Halbritter-Camden News reporter

Excused: Dick Bryant & Paul Baxter

Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge, Mrs. Wilkinson asked for another moment of silence for Ukraine.

Approval of the Minutes-Mr. Stone made a motion to accept the March, 2022 minutes, and dispense with the reading of them, seconded by Mr. Rayder, and carried.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- The fire dept. swore in a junior firefighter, and reported that their Easter breakfast and egg hunt went well.

Legislator-Dave Holst was not present at the meeting, but had dropped off copies of the Oswego County directories, for whoever needs one. Extra copies are available in the clerk's office.

Highway Dept- Mr. Perkins reported on the mowing contract. He stated that the county wants the fee to stay the same, Mr. Perkins doesn't feel that is right, especially with the cost of fuel right now. Mr. Perkins says he will know more about it, soon. He also mentioned that the Town of Mexico was looking for 4 towns to go in together to rent an Athey, which is a machine used to cut the shoulders back, on the roadsides. Each town involved would be able to use the machine, for a week. The town has an Athey, but it is old, and not working, at the moment. The board gave the go ahead to try to sell it, on Auctions International, and if no bids are received, to try and sell it for scrap. Mr. Perkins also mentioned that two stick saws had been purchased for the bucket truck.

Code Enforcement-Mr. Marsden was not at the meeting, but had given a report to Mrs. Wilkinson. He has issued 2 new building permits, still has open permits, and is keeping tabs on some junky areas.

Town Historian-Mr. Kelley said nothing much is going on, he will be attending a meeting on April 29th, other than that, things have been quiet.

Planning Board- Mr. Kelley reported that the newest member of the Planning Board, Brandy Wheeler was welcomed to the meeting. Tom Vona had taken over secretarial duties, temporarily, but Mrs. Wheeler has agreed to take them over, now.

Dog Control- There has been an ongoing issue with two dogs in town, and the dogs were recently picked up for running loose. Both dogs were licensed, with the stipulation that the one dog needing a rabies vaccine gets one as soon as possible. That hasn't happened, and Mr. Conover is housing the dogs until the owner pays the fees to get them back. The owner is not cooperating, so Mr. Conover plans to speak with the town attorney about it. Mr. Conover also told Mrs. Wilkinson that there isn't running water or a drain at the kennel, so Mrs. Wilkinson asked Mr. Conover to come up with a proposal, to see how the kennel could be provided with water, and some sort of drainage system, that both towns could look over.

Town Justice-The Justice was not at the meeting.

Tax Collector-Renee Ukena is done with her job as tax collector for this year. She turned her books over to the county in April, and also gave the town another check for late fees, and penalties.

Town Clerk-A total of \$291.00, was taken in, \$246.50 being paid to the Supervisor, and \$22.00 to Animal Population Control in Albany, plus \$22.50 to the NYS Dept. of Health, for their share of a Marriage license fee.

Tug Hill-Mr. Baxter was not at the meeting, he was helping prepare for the Local Government Conference being held tomorrow at the Turning Stone.

Old Business- Local Law #1 for 2022 has been filed with the state.

New Business- Mrs. Wilkinson stated that she really didn't have any new business to discuss. The lock box will be installed soon, next to the side entrance of the building.

Open to the Public-The meeting was next opened to the public. Edward Bennett addressed the board. He admitted that he was the person who had put paperwork in the judge's slot, but he also apologized, and said he had been told it was okay to do that. He also wanted to mention that when he had come to put paperwork in the slot, he noticed the railing on the stairs to the porch was loose. Mrs. Wilkinson thanked him for his observation, and said that railing was on her list of things that need repair. Also a Mr. Madore from Cable Road came to complain that there seems to be a lot of crime lately, and he wonders if there is anything that can be done? He loves living in Amboy, but recently, not so much. He says that cars drive very fast on his road, a lot of them not paying any attention to speed limits. He said he was sworn at, by someone who was upset that he had a cow in the road, and it turns out it was not his cow, but belonged to Mr. Bryant. He also said he has been threatened by people. Mrs. Wilkinson said he should call the police, but also recommended gathering names on a petition, to present to the state D.O.T., to see if the speed limit can be lowered. Mrs. Wilkinson said it might help. The clerk gave out copies of the Oswego Co. directories, so Mr. Madore could have phone numbers available to him.