

Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-August 15, 2022
Amboy Town Hall-7:00 pm

Present: Kathleen Wilkinson-Supervisor
Holly Humphries, Larry Rayder, Bruce Stone, & Dick Bryant-Board Members
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk
Tim Kelley-Planning Board Chair/Historian
John Perkins III-Highway Superintendent
Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider
Bradner Whaley-W. Amboy Fire Dept.

Also Present: Corey Perkins
Clinton Sampson

Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm, with Mrs. Wilkinson asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dept Head Reports:

Tug Hill-Mrs. Wilkinson started off the meeting asking for the report from Paul Baxter, as he had another meeting in Central Square that he had to go to. He gave a written report to the supervisor, board members and clerk. With him he brought a revised printing of the Tug Hill Recreation Guide, which he passed out, with extra copies for the clerk to have in her office. He also reported that the commission has a job opening for a Projects Specialist. Applications are open until September 1, 2022, and more information is available at <https://tughill.org/job-openings/>. New York State has announced the NY Forward grant program, analogous to the existing Downtown Revitalization Initiative, but targeted for downtowns in New York's smaller and rural communities. The Tug Hill is offering help to its different communities, on how to go about applying. More information is available at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward>. And Mr. Baxter also mentioned that the commission has just released a new issue paper on regulating short-term rentals, available on the Tug Hill web site, www.tughill.org, under News and Publications> Technical & Issue Papers.

Fire Dept- Bradner Whaley passed out the chief's report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. The report covered 1/1/2022-7/31/2022. Total number of calls for that time period was 188 calls. Of those, 82 were cancelled enroute, there were 2 structure fires, 4 vegetation fires, and 1 vehicle fire. Also listed was 82 EMS calls, and 10 MVA calls. Mr. Whaley said there will be EMT training on Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Wilkinson has received a thank-you card from Corey Perkins. Mrs. Wilkinson also made a motion to set aside some ARPA funds, approximately \$5,000.00 to help with more EMT training, seconded by Mr. Rayder, and carried. She also made a motion to purchase five

defibrillators with ARPA funds, at a maximum of \$7,000.00, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and carried. Mr. Rayder reminded Mr. Whaley that any budget requests from the Fire Dept. have to be turned in to the town clerk by September 1st.

Legislator-Dave Holst was not present at the meeting.

Highway Dept.- Mr. Perkins reported that the gradeall had been damaged, accidentally. He has reported it to the insurance company, and an adjustor is coming tomorrow. The culvert on Frank Bryant is done, as well as both culverts on Turk Road. Foil Road will be worked on tomorrow, and if there is enough money, maybe the culvert on Finnerty Road, if not, they would try next year. The fee for mowing county roads has been rased to \$400.00 per mile, so Mr. Perkins will be signing the contract, and will start that mowing. Mr. Perkins reported that Shawn Walker is the new highway superintendent for Oswego County. The guys have been putting up lights at the town hall, and will be working on installing cameras, also. Most of the sand they will need has been screened, and Mr. Perkins said he would like to get some oil, to seal over the new culverts that have been put in.

Code Enforcement-Mr. Marsden was not at the meeting, but had given a report to Mrs. Wilkinson. He has issued a few more building permits, and is following up on properties that have received citations. Mrs. Wilkinson said that she has grown tired of people complaining about problems in town, so she called the sheriff's office, and personally asked for more patrols in Amboy.

Town Historian-Mr. Kelley reported that not much is going on. Mr. Bryant reported that there had been a Historical Society meeting on Saturday, and the society is getting their display ready for the Sandy Creek Fair.

Planning Board- Mr. Kelley reported that only he and Myrna Stone showed up for the Planning Board, so although they couldn't really have a meeting, he did say that Mrs. Stone has been working on the employee handbook, and she will have tasks that the other members can help with, to bring it all together.

Dog Control- Things have been quiet. No complaints of dogs running loose.

Town Justice- The justice sent a request to Mrs. Wilkinson, which reads: The Amboy Town Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle. One required component of that application is a Resolution from the Town Board authorizing the Town Court to apply for this funding. So on motion made by Mr. Bryant, and a second from Mr. Rayder, the following resolution was adopted. **BE IT RESOLVED** upon the above request that: **The Board of the Town of Amboy authorizes the Amboy Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-23 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.** The justice also asked for ideas as to what she might ask for, and after a discussion , it was suggested that maybe she could apply for an on demand generator.

Town Clerk-A total of \$539.00, was taken in, \$526.00 being paid to the Supervisor, and \$13.00 to Animal Population Control in Albany.

Old Business-Spectrum will be coming on Friday, to change the phones and internet over from Frontier, if the numbers have been released. Mrs. Wilkinson said it has been an on-going battle between the two companies, of trying to decide who is responsible for releasing the numbers. If for

some reason the phone numbers get changed, Mrs. Wilkinson said she would want to do a mass mailing of postcards, to let townspeople know what the new numbers are.

Mrs. Wilkinson also said she received a letter from the Teamster's Union, saying it will soon be time to renew the contract, but they need a couple of the board members to participate, so Mr. Stone and Mr. Rayder said they would

Mrs. Wilkinson said that if the 2 roads in Amboy (Garcia and Stone Hill), are to be opened to ATVs, then the town attorney said a local law should be passed. So, Mrs. Wilkinson made the motion to hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm, on September 19, 2022, before the next board meeting, to pass the local law. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

New Business-Mrs. Wilkinson also spoke to the town attorney about reducing the speed limit on all town roads, and she said the board would need to pass a resolution, which reads as follows:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON ALL TOWN ROADS WITHIN THE TOWN OF AMBOY

WHEREAS The maximum speed limit on the town roads within the Town of Amboy is 55 mph; and

WHEREAS the roads within the Town of Amboy are rural roads with families, and are frequently used for recreational purposes including but not limited to walking and biking;

WHEREAS the roads within the Town of Amboy are rural roads with farms, and are frequently used by farmers to traverse the roads with farm equipment;

WHEREAS the roads within the Town of Amboy are narrow, have many blind curves and hills, and there have been many complaints by residents of speeding,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town of Amboy Town Board requests the Oswego County Superintendent of Highways, pursuant to Section 1620 and Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to request the State Department of Transportation to establish a maximum speed of 45 mph at which vehicles may proceed on all roads within the boundaries of the Town of Amboy.

Mr. Stone made the motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and on Roll Call: Humphries-aye, Stone-aye, Rayder-aye, Bryant-aye, and Wilkinson-aye Motion carried, resolution passed. Along with the resolution, letters have been drafted, that Mr. Perkins can submit to the county, and the state DOT, to see if anything can be done.

Open to the Public- There were no questions or comments.

Approval of the Bills-Mr. Rayder made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #152-163, in the amount of \$7,949.34, seconded by Mrs. Humphries, and carried. Mrs. Humphries made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #124-137, in the amount of \$20,566.97, seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried.

Supervisor's Report-Balance sheets and reconciliation summaries are provided, and a copy of the full monthly financial statement is provided. A copy of all financial reports are available from either Ms. Butler, town accounting officer, or from the supervisor.

Adjournment-At 8:12 pm, Mr Bryant made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Rayder, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark
Amboy Town Clerk