

Town of Amboy  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-September 16, 2024  
Amboy Town Hall-7:00 pm

Present: Kathleen Wilkinson-Supervisor  
Larry Rayder & Holly Humphries - Board Members  
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk  
Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider  
Tom Vona-Planning Board  
Bruce Walters-ZBA  
Bradner Whaley, Corey Douglas, & Chris Race-W. Amboy  
Fire Dept.

Excused: Dick Bryant & Bruce Stone

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

Approval of the Minutes-Mr. Rayder made a motion to accept the August 2024 minutes, and dispense with the reading of them, seconded by Mrs. Humphries and carried.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- Bradner Whaley passed out the chief's report to the supervisor, board members, and clerk. There were 32 calls for August so far, 24 of which were EMS calls. Corey Douglas reported that there are 301 calls total for the year, and they still have the rest of September, October, November, and December to go. The department received a boat on loan from the Cleveland Fire Dept., in case of any water rescues they may ever have. They need to order the dry hydrants for Little Pond Road, but need to figure out how much pipe they will need, depending on how close to a water source they can get. Bruce Walters mentioned that he had 150 ft. of pipe, and couplers they could use if needed. Mrs. Wilkinson discussed new proposed OSHA regulations that will completely cripple small volunteer fire departments such as ours, and Mrs. Wilkinson and the board members signed a letter expressing concerns over the proposed changes.

Legislator- Dave Holst was not present, no report was given.

Highway Dept.- Mr. Perkins reported that the turnaround is done on the east side of Little Pond, near the road closure. Moved the screener today to start screening sand. An engineer will be coming to look at Little Pond, to possibly help come up with a solution, and Mr. Perkins will report on any findings. Mrs. Wilkinson requested that Mr. Perkins have a board member with him, when the engineer is there to look things over. Mrs. Wilkinson also reported that there was a break in at the town garage last Tuesday. A chainsaw was stolen, and the insurance company has been notified. Mr. Perkins has talked

with one company about repairing the door that was kicked in, and he hopes to talk to a second company also.

Tug Hill-Mr. Baxter provided a written report for the supervisor, board members, and clerk. He reported that the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments met on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm at the Albion Municipal Building, Altmar. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2024. Mr. Baxter also reported that Heidi Tompkins has been chosen as his successor for the circuit rider position, serving the North Shore, and Salmon Rivers Council of Governments. The Tug Hill Commission extended the invitation of employment, and Heidi has accepted. The commission hopes to have Heidi on board before the end of the year. This will provide overlap between Heidi's start of work, and Mr. Baxter's retirement, which is still set for the first quarter of 2025. As mentioned earlier in the minutes, the proposed changes to fire brigade standards which would adversely affect rural fire departments were again brought up. Mr. Baxter had the sample letter that the board members signed, and the letter is also available on the North Shore website, [www.norcog.org](http://www.norcog.org). Mr. Baxter said there is nothing new about wildlife management area payment legislation. Mr. Baxter also changed over the nameservers so our old domain name now points to the town's new web address. He requested that he be informed, if there are any problems. Mr. Baxter also reported that some of the dams on the Little Salmon River are old, and in need of repair. Due to the possible costs of repairs, the dams may just be taken down. And finally, Mr. Baxter reported that he helped Amboy with the hazard mitigation meeting that was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Code Enforcement- Mr. Marsden issued 4 building permits, and 4 new violations for junk, and still has 76 open permits.

Planning Board- Mr. Vona reported on the things the board has been working on, special use applications, and short- term rental applications. He recommended deleting the Planning Board email from the old website and implementing the new email. Mr. Baxter reported that if you go to the old website it will redirect you to the new one automatically. Mr. Vona also reported that he most likely will not be able to attend any meetings for the rest of the year, as he has personal issues to attend to.

Dog Control- Things have remained quiet.

Town Clerk-Took in a total of \$63.00, \$53.00 was paid to the supervisor, and \$10.00 was sent to Animal Population Control, in Albany.

Old Business-Mrs. Wilkinson reported that Mrs. Humphries and Mr. Baxter met with representatives from the Oswego County Emergency Management office to update Amboy's hazardous mitigation plan. They met on September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am, at the town hall.

New Business- Mrs. Wilkinson said that as of Thursday at midnight, Menter will no longer be providing ambulance service, McFee will once again be the provider. The first budget meeting for 2024 will be held on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 pm, at the town hall.

Open to the Public- Mr. Vona said that if an engineer was going to be looking at Little Pond Rd., he

would recommend MBL Engineering, LLC., from Sandy Creek. It was also mentioned that some speed limit signs had been ordered.

Approval of the Bills – Mrs. Humphries made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers # 152-169, in the amount of \$7,016.73, seconded by Mr. Rayder, and carried. Mr. Rayder made a motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers # 142-159, in the amount of \$24,421.38, seconded by Mrs. Humphries, and carried.

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

Adjournment-At 7:54 pm, Mr. Rayder motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Humphries, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Clark  
Amboy Town Clerk