Amber Township Board Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Amber Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present- R. Copenhaver, R. Alway, T. Alway, C. Anderson, T. Rohde. Absent-None.

PLEDGE RECITED

PUBLIC/GUESTS/REQUEST to Comment: None.

MASON COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT: Read and filed. Sheriff is now on the National Board of Sheriff’s Association.

MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Board meeting was on January 9, Chair and vice chair remain the same. New Deputy Administrator is Kaitlyn Szczypka. Major issues the County is discussing are solar farms and broadband. They are also working on a five-million dollar housing plans and a budget for remodeling the Sheriff department and jail. The County gave all employees a raise across the board this year. Partnership with all of the Senior Centers is going well.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve with right of chair to alter as necessary; Move: R. Alway /Support: C. Anderson, Ayes-5/Nays-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting minutes from December 18, 2023, Move: C. Anderson /Support:R. Alway, Ayes-5 /Nays-0. Special meeting minutes from January 2, 2024. Move: R. Alway/Support: R. Copenhaver, Ayes5-/Nays-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Read and filed.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Board of Review, Tuesday, March 12th from 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and Thursday, March 14th from 9 a.m until noon and 1-4 p.m. Organizational meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 4 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING AND ZONING: Nothing to report.

FIRE: Received a report from MCRFA Planning Committee, Supervisor Alway will e-mail a copy to everyone.

DPW: A meeting was held for sewer rates and to elect new officers.

ROADS: Discuss in new business

ELECTIONS: The Public Test of the tabulator was Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at PM Town Hall. The Presidential Primary is Tuesday, February 27, 2024. The nine days of early voting start on Saturday, February 17th, from 8 a.m until 4 p.m., at the Mason County Library in Scottville. The Amber Township Clerk is in charge of Day one, as it goes in alphabetical order. The Election Commission meeting was held tonight at 6:00 and election Inspectors were appointed for the election and the ealy voting day.

HALL/GROUNDS- The painter, contractor and electrician are finishing up this week and the flooring is scheduled to be installed the week of January 29th. Clerk Rohde painted the hall walls and still needs to paint a second coat.

CEMETERIES- Discussion in New Business.

TREASURER’S REPORT-Motion to accept the January 2024 bank statements, as presented. Move:T. Rohde /Support: R. Alway, Ayes-5/Nays-0.

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES for January for a total of $15,534.23. Move: R. Alway/ R. Copenhaver, Ayes-5/Nays-0

SUPERVISOR REPORT-None and eliminating.

CLERK REPORT -None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and approval of 2024 Road Projects

a. Projected available funds from 2023-2024 budget is $316,607, estimated 2024-2025 road budget of $500,000, which includes the $180, 000 Road Millage income.

b. Gordon Rd. (US-10 to Hansen Rd., 1.45 miles) , estimate is $353,375

c. Amber Road (US-10 to Johnson Rd., -0.48 miles), estimate is $65,625

d. Quarterline Road (US-10 to First St.), 0.50 miles), estimate is $42,844

e. Brye Road (US-10 to Johnson Rd., aprox. 0.50 miles), estimate is $26,791.

The estimated total for all four road projects is $488,635.

Motion to do all four roads, as listed above. Move: R. Alway/C. Anderson. Ayes-5/Nays-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Meeting Agenda Revision to adding time limits on topics and the use of a consent agenda. We will discuss and vote at the February meeting.

2. Appointment of a cemetery manager, Trustee Alway will get some more information.

3. Review list of Policies and Ordinances- Everyone received a list and we will start working on at least one per meeting.

4. Cemetery ordinance, first reading. The Board went through each section and edited or deleted items. Clerk Rohde will edit the draft and resend to the Board Members for approval at the February meeting.

5. Metro act agreement with ACD. Net (which currently expires on 12/15/2024). Resolution to approve the right of way permit extension with Keps Technoligies, Inc. dba ACD.net until 12/15/2029. Move: R. Alway/ Support: R. Copenhaver, Ayes-5/Nays-0

6. Approval of 2024 to 2025 Board meeting schedule, Move: R. Alway/R. Copenhaver, Ayes-5/Nays-0

R. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: None.

S. ADJOURN 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Theresa Rohde

Theresa Rohde, Amber Township Clerk

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