

**Amberley Village Council – Public Buildings and Parks Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 2016**

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Ray Warren (committee), Frank Twehues, Wes Brown, Tom Muething, Scot Lahrmer, Ed Hattenbach (committee), Bill Doering, Natalie Wolf

Prior Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of April 25 were approved as submitted.

Replacement of the Village's Salt Barn

Wes Brown provided a detailed history of the salt barn's deterioration over the past several years and staff's efforts to identify an effective method of replacement. The salt barn, which was built in 1998, holds 400 tons though they often are able to store 450-475 tons. The village uses an average of 750 tons per season and staff's goal for the barn would like to have capacity to store this amount. Estimates to repair the existing building were \$140,000 to \$275,000, while replacement estimates range from \$238,000 to \$335,000. To this point such high costs have been a deterrent to proceeding and staff continued to pursue other options.

At a professional meeting of public works supervisors, staff was able to speak with representatives of the City of Montgomery about their new salt barn from a company called Brightspan, with which they are very satisfied. The Brightspan product has poured concrete base, galvanized steel frame and a fabric cover. For Amberley, the total estimated cost of demolition and replacement with a Brightspan structure is \$176,885. The committee asked several questions regarding the company's reputation and policies and the product's effectiveness over time. Brightspan has been in business for 21 years. The model under consideration will hold 950 tons. The fabric top is under warranty for 16 years though is expected to last for 20-25 years. The cost of total replacement of the fabric cover today is \$5,000 to \$8,000. The frame has a 100 year warranty against corrosion. Wes noted that while in Iowa attending a conference he saw this style of salt barn widely used. Scot Lahrmer praised staff's pursuit of innovation and cost savings, as did the committee.

Ed Hattenbach moved to recommend this approach for replacing the salt barn to Council. Seconded by Ray Warren, the motion passed unanimously. Quotes have yet to be obtained so the purchase process will occur at a later date. Staff hopes to have the new building in place for the 2016-17 snow season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.