

Amberley Village Ad Hoc Committee  
Meeting  
November 7, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: All members of the Committee were present. (Albert Tomasi was not present and he subsequently decided not to participate on the Committee.) In addition, Village Manager Scot Lahrmer, Police Chief Rich Wallace, and Village Council members Stillpass, Cohen and Hattenbach were present. Several members of the public were present. Stephen Lerner acted as secretary for the meeting.

1. Introductions: Each of the members of the Committee introduced themselves and provided relevant background information.
2. Village Manager Report: Village Manager Lahrmer provided an introduction of the responsibilities of the Committee and background information concerning the current state of the Village. He indicated that Council wanted the Committee to play a visible role and that the Committee should strive for consensus building. He stated that he and other members of the Village staff would provide the Committee with the information they required and noted that everything the Committee does will be in public. He noted that, while the Committee is not required to hold all meetings in public, he believed that the Committee should hold its meetings in public as this will more likely ensure the support of the Village residents.
3. Selection of Committee Co-Chairs: Ron Regula moved, and Jerry Morgan seconded, that the Committee elect Stephen Lerner and Rick Lauer as Co-Chairs. Following discussion, the Committee unanimously voted in support of the Motion.
4. Committee Goals and Timing for Delivery of Recommendation: The Committee discussed what its goals should be and when it should deliver its recommendations. The Committee discussed a number of matters and asked a variety of questions of Scot Lahrmer in connection with its consideration of the Committee's goals and timing of its recommendations. Among other things, the Committee questioned what the timing of the enactment of the rollback of the earnings tax credit and the 10 mill police levy. Scot Lahrmer stated that Council current intended to vote on both proposals at the November 14 Finance Committee meeting. He also noted that, if adopted, the rollback of the earnings tax credit would become effective on January 1, 2012. The police levy would need to be approved by Council by December 7, 2011 in order to be certified for the March 6, 2012 ballot and by July or August, 2011 in order to be certified for the November, 2012 election. As long as the police levy is voted in 2012, it will take effect in 2013. Scot also indicated that the current balance of the General Fund is approximately \$2.9 million and that the projected 2012 deficit is \$1.4 million. Members of the public expressed their opinions on the goals and timing for delivery of the Committee's recommendations.

Stephen Lerner then moved, and Rick Lauer seconded, that the Committee adopt the following goal and timing: "Through an open and collaborative process, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Council to achieve a balanced budget for 2013 and beyond and that such recommendations be made approximately 90 to 120 days from today." The Committee

discussed the motion. Several Committee members suggested that the timing of recommendations will depend on many factors that are not yet known to the Committee. After discussion, the Committee unanimously approved the motion. The Committee agreed that the 90-120 day time period is aspirational and may be shortened or lengthened depending on the circumstances.

5. Committee Composition: The Committee discussed whether its current composition was appropriate or whether there should be changes. John Neyer noted that there is only one woman on the Committee. Connie Hinitz noted that the Committee should have members with different socio-economic characteristics. Other members noted that since all or substantially all of the Committee's meetings will be public, there will be ample opportunity for any Village resident to provide his or her suggestions and opinions to the Committee. After discussion, the Committee agreed that the current composition of the Committee was fine and did not require any changes.

6. Creation of Subcommittees: The Committee agreed to create two subcommittees – Revenue and Expense. Each subcommittee will elect a chair at its first meeting and can decide on whether any further subdivision of the subcommittee is necessary. Members of the Committee were divided into the subcommittees as follows:

Revenue Committee

Aaron Freed  
Connie Hinitz  
Rick Lauer  
Bill Lennard  
Jerry Morgan  
John Neyer

Expense Committee

Jim Bangel  
George Fisher  
Eric Goering  
Rick Jones  
Michael Lake  
Stephen Lerner  
Ron Regula  
Bill Schneiderman

7. Other Matters: Stephen Lerner moved, and Rick Lauer seconded, that the Committee pass the following resolution: "The Committee recommends that Council postpone any reduction of the earnings tax credit until after the Committee has had a reasonable opportunity to make its recommendations to balance the budget for 2013 and beyond." Stephen indicated that he believed that this resolution was necessary in order to not undercut the efforts of the Committee. He stated a concern that by taking such actions Council likely would make it more difficult for the Committee to undertake a thorough investigation with a clean slate of revenue

enhancement and expense reduction options. Several Committee members expressed concern with the resolution. After discussion, the Committee voted 11-3 in favor of the Resolution. Stephen indicated that he and Rick Lauer, as Co-Chairs, would send a letter to Council with this resolution.

The following future meetings were scheduled: Expense Subcommittee – Wednesday November 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.; Revenue Subcommittee – Thursday November 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.; Full Committee meeting – Monday November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D. Lerner