

Health, Education, Welfare Committee

Minutes of Aug. 15, 2012

Attendees:

Natalie Wolf, Chair

Ed Hattenbach, committee member

Tom Muething, committee member

J.K. Byar, Mayor

Bill Doering, Council

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

Lt. Brian Blum

Chief Rich Wallace

Bruce Lazarus

Josephine Rosenblum

Louis Katz

Tom Brown

Minutes of the previous HEW meeting were approved.

Previous meetings of the HEW committee related to deer management in Amberley revealed that many communities in Ohio are implementing bow hunting regulations that would allow citizens to register and hunt for deer as one method of management as long as they followed designated guidelines. The City of Cincinnati currently uses this method in four of its city parks, as does Indian Hill. The City of Wyoming and other municipalities in Ohio are exploring this option as well.

Amberley's Chief Richard Wallace and Lt. Brian Blum were invited to attend today's meeting to give their opinions on whether bow hunting would be a viable alternative to sharp shooting in Amberley Village.

Both the Chief and Lt. Blum expressed concern over whether a bow hunting program could ensure the safety of Amberley's citizens. Lt. Blum also felt that bow hunting would not be more cost-effective than sharp shooting because

- 1) Due to staff reductions, there are not enough police personnel to carry out the program
- 2) Background checks of applicants would be time-consuming and costly
- 3) Time consuming to test and evaluate the hunters.

Lt. Blum stated that the Village will save in deer processing costs because each hunter would have to pay to process his/her own deer.

Historical data of DVA in Amberley were reviewed. Charts are attached. It is important to note that not all deer vehicle accidents are reported.

Costs associated with deer culling by sharpshooters are:

Processing: \$60/deer. Deer culled by police are processed according to law. They are tagged, and the meat is donated to the FreeStore. Residents may not purchase the venison.

+ feed (bait)

+ ammunition

+ manpower

Amberley budgets \$5000/year for deer management.