

## **POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**November 8, 2012**

Attendees: JK Byar, Rich Bardach (Committee Member), William Doering, Ed Hattenbach (Committee Member), Natalie Wolf, Scot Lahrmer, Rich Wallace, Peg Conway, Jon Chaiken, Jim Ruli and Tom Muething (Committee Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. The minutes from the meeting of October 29, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

A proposed contract for fire hydrant repair and replacement was discussed. The proposed contract would be entered into with The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners. Hamilton County has a department (Department of Planning and Field Operations) which provides these services to the unincorporated areas of the County and has extensive experience repairing and replacing fire hydrants. The Village currently contracts for such services with private enterprises but the County will be able to provide the services at a 25% savings over current contract costs. In addition, the County will be able to provide faster response times because of their dedicated team.

Over the past two years, Amberley has spent almost \$50,000 for the repair and replacement of fire hydrants and thus this new contract will provide annual savings of more than \$5,000. This opportunity was identified by a member of the Village staff as part of the ongoing search for ways to reduce costs. A motion to approve this contract was made by Ed Hattenbach and seconded by Rich Bardach. The motion was approved unanimously.

The opportunity to provide dispatching services to the Village of Silverton was also discussed. Amberley has been involved in ongoing discussions with Silverton about this opportunity as a way to reduce net costs in both municipalities. The Village Manager was seeking some direction as to an acceptable contract price that Amberley could charge Silverton. After discussion, it was agreed that a charge of \$65,000 for the first year and \$225,000 across three years would probably be acceptable to the Village.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tom Muething  
Chairman, Police & Fire Committee