

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 29, 2013

Attendees: Rich Bardach (Committee Member), Ed Hattenbach (Committee Member), William Doering, Scot Lahrmer, Rich Wallace, Peg Conway, and Tom Muething (Committee Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. The minutes from the meeting of September 30, 2013 were reviewed and approved.

The first item on the agenda was the review of proposed revisions to the Hamilton County Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement. Chief Wallace explained that Amberley signed this agreement more than a year ago and there were now some minor proposed amendments. A redline copy of the agreement was reviewed and then Mr. Hattenbach moved that the committee recommend to Council a resolution giving Mr. Lahrmer the authority to sign the amended agreement. This was seconded by Mr. Bardach and was passed unanimously.

The next item was an update to the Committee on the status of our contract renewal for EMS services which Mr. Lahrmer reviewed with the Committee. Amberley contracts with Golf Manor for EMS services in the western portion of the Village and with Deer Park/Silverton for the eastern portion of the Village. The current proposal would see rates increasing 4% per year for the three year contract. Both jurisdictions explained that this was the result of higher costs for both personnel and equipment. Amberley will attempt to improve on these increases but something close to these rates will be up for approval at the December Council meeting. No Committee action is required at this time.

The final item on the agenda was the proposed purchase program for new police vehicles. Chief Wallace explained that the Village was successful at deferring purchases for years but this is now showing with a significant increase in maintenance costs and vehicle downtime. Two vehicles were replaced earlier in 2013 with the purchase of two used Dodge Chargers. The Chief is recommending the purchase of three vehicles in 2014 and the retirement of four vehicles. The Chief explained the options available (Chargers, Ford sedan or Ford utility vehicle). They were each reviewed from a cost and functionality standpoint and the utility vehicle is recommended. After further discussion, Mr. Bardach made a motion to recommend to Council the acquisition of three vehicles in 2014. This was seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tom Muething
Chairman, Police & Fire Committee