

**Amberley Village Council
Police/Fire Committee – Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2014**

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Ed Hattenbach (Committee member), Rich Bardach (Committee member), Tom Muething, Bill Doering, Scot Lahrmer, Tony Chesney, Brian Blum, Robin Kemp, Rich Wallace

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of September 16 were approved as submitted.

Fire Budget/Purchases

Chief Wallace and Tony Chesney presented several items for consideration

- Cascade system bottle filling system: Current system is more than 25 years old and being phased out. The system is used to re-fill the breathing apparatus that firefighters use while in a burning building. New system would withstand 500 degrees and last for 45 minutes, compared to 350 degrees and 20-30 minutes of present system. Estimated cost - \$55,669.
- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA): Estimated cost of \$132,532
- Typically about \$5,000 is budgeted to replace five sets of turnout gear each year. The life expectancy per set is 5 to 7 years, so this rotation system spreads out the cost.
- Replacement of radios (5): The County is changing to a new radio system, and the Village might receive five units from that process and therefore not purchase any. Estimated cost -- \$25,000
- Pickup truck for the Fire Department: Currently they borrow one from the Service Department when possible for carrying equipment and hose testing. Estimated cost of \$24,000 to \$30,000.

A new thermal imaging camera, a life safety item, is being purchased this year with fund from the fire capital fund.

Grants are being sought for the following items: extrication equipment (\$10,000) and rescue equipment/air bag system (\$6,000).

Ed moved, seconded by Rich, to recommend to the Finance Committee the following purchases: Cascade system, SCBA, truck. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Budget/Purchases

Chief Wallace and Robin Kemp (dispatch) presented information about the need for a new Mayor's Court software system, to be allocated from the Mayor's Court computer fund. The Regional Crime Information Center (RCIC) system has been in use at no cost since 1999. It involves two computers that increasingly lose their connection to one another, necessitating service calls and delaying completion of tasks. The new system will automatically generate reports mandated by the State and is compatible with the

Municipal Income Tax System and Pamet (dispatch system). It will allow the online payment of tickets and provide online docketing.

The Chief presented the following items for consideration:

- 2 new vehicles: He proposes to rotate vehicles differently so that the newer ones are used by individuals and then after two years put out on the road. Repair and maintenance costs have risen the past few years due to older vehicles and purchasing two new vehicles would eliminate the use of those older ones. Estimated cost of \$60,000
- New crime scene camera: requested by the detective, estimated cost \$1700
- Replacement weapons: Normally budget about \$5,000 for these and they are paid out of the law enforcement trust fund
- License plate reader: The department has one three-camera unit and finds it very useful in apprehending people with outstanding warrants and investigating crimes. Two additional four-camera units are estimated at \$17,500 for a total of \$34,000. It was noted that some departments have turned in LPRs and AV may be able to obtain a three-camera unit via the city of Cincinnati distributing returned units.
- In-car video: The video systems for three cars were replaced in the fall. To purchase two more would update all five vehicles. Estimated cost of \$10,000.
- Evidence-tracking system: The department's present protocol is completely manual and to conduct an audit is very time consuming. Scanning systems enter the items, print out labels with bar codes and track item locations are available. Estimated cost of \$6,000.
- Recording equipment for dispatch: To record radio communications and phone calls. The present system is 15 years old and not working properly. Cost is \$14,000. This purchase would come from the 911 fund (current balance about \$19,000).
- 2 solar-powered speed signs: Flashes when driver is over the speed limit. Cost of \$7500 each. It was noted that while Chief was asked to price items that would promote pedestrian safety, these signs are not police equipment and should be evaluated in a different context.
- Video monitors for the lobby: To replace paper bulletin boards. Cost of \$3,000 each. It was suggested that this item be referred to the Public Outreach Committee.
- Surveillance cameras for Village Hall: Estimated cost of \$1800
- Replace six Tasers (updated versions, safer): Estimated cost of \$6,000

Ed moved, seconded by Rich, to recommend the following purchases to the Finance Committee: two vehicles, crime scene camera, LPR, in-car video, evidence tracking system, surveillance cameras, six Tasers at a total of \$119,500. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.