

Amberley Village Council
Police/Fire Committee – Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2015

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Ed Hattenbach (committee), Kathy Harcourt, Tom Muething, Lt. Brian Blum, Bill Doering, Rich Bardach (committee), Scot Lahrmer

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of December 11, 2014, were approved as submitted.

Fire Mutual Aid Agreement

The Committee reviewed the Fire Mutual Aid Agreement which had been prepared by the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association. A revision of this document has been in the works for quite some time as the previous version was from 1991. Scot Lahrmer noted that it documents how things are done and that it has been reviewed and approved by Kevin Frank, Village solicitor.

Ed Hattenbach moved to accept it, seconded by Rich Bardach, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Purchase of License Plate Reader

The Committee was previously briefed about the benefits of License Plate Readers for crime prevention and investigation. Estimates were presented totaling \$36,641 to purchase two new four-camera systems and an upgrade of an additional camera for the current system. The 2015 budget includes \$35,000 for these purchases. The Police Department has been pursuing a possible opportunity to obtain used equipment through the Cincinnati police, but it's not clear when or if this will occur. Options to purchase two systems now or to defer one were discussed. It was noted that the cruisers equipped with LPR are used most frequently, resulting in high mileage.

Ed Hattenbach moved to authorize the immediate purchase of one four-camera system and to upgrade the current three-camera system and if used equipment is not made available through Cincinnati by June 1, then the purchase of a second four-car system at that point. Seconded by Rich Bardach and the motion was approved unanimously.

Purchase of In-Car Video Cameras

In October 2014 Council authorized the purchase of three in-car cameras along with a mini-server allowing efficient uploading of video, which represented a major upgrade to outdated equipment. Two vehicles still have the old style cameras. The 2015 budget includes \$10,000 to replace them. An estimate totaling \$9,990.00 for these items was presented.

Rich Bardach moved to authorize the replacement of two in-car camera systems, seconded by Ed Hattenbach, and the motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Police Cruisers

The purchase of cruisers was anticipated in the 2015 budget. The Police Department has sought estimates and concluded that Byers Auto is more favorable than the state bidding process. The Chevy Tahoe has proven reliable, so that's what will be purchased. The department tries to follow a rotation process so that cars cycle in a staggered manner through various uses with the intent of maximizing their useful lifespan and so that they don't all wear out at the same time. The order deadline is April 1.

Rich Bardach moved to purchase two vehicles at a cost of \$64,000 with an additional \$15,000 for changeover, seconded by Ed Hattenbach, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.