

**Amberley Village Council
Police-Fire Committee – Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2016**

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Bill Doering, Tom Muething, Josephine Rosenblum, Rich Bardach (committee), Scot Lahrmer, Sgt. Schmidtgoessling, Natalie Wolf (committee), Chief Wallace

Approval of Prior Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of June 22 were approved as submitted.

Sale of 1965 Pirsch Fire Truck

Sgt. Schmidtgoessling reported on the department's plan to place the 1965 Pirsch fire truck on the Hamilton County auction site. They estimate selling it for \$4,000 to \$8,000. It was taken out of service in 2013 due to numerous malfunctions. They have stripped all usable fire equipment from the vehicle.

Alarm Monitoring Update

Mrs. Rosenblum presented her recent difficult experience with the current alarm company.

Over the past year the Chief has been researching approaches to alarm monitoring that would provide greater flexibility to residents and revenue to the village. His proposal now is to purchase a Honeywell receiver to be installed in dispatch that would have the capability to receive residential alarms installed by any company or carrier. The cost of the receiver is \$4800. A six-hour online training for staff costs \$1200, though this may not be needed. Additionally software and a computer are also needed at cost of \$6315, for a total of \$12,300.

The exact implementation process will be established after purchasing and becoming familiar with the equipment. Residents with current alarm monitoring by the village would need to switch their equipment in order to continue, so the need for a transition period was discussed. The cost of new equipment would vary according to resident decision. An example was given of a basic new system at a cost of \$755. Additionally, there would be transfer costs of \$275 to \$455 depending on whether cellular backup is chosen or only landline connection. Monthly alarm charges will be set by Council but would be at least \$15 (landline only) or \$22 (with cellular backup).

The Committee affirmed that alarm monitoring by the village is a valuable service to offer residents. Rich Bardach moved to recommend that Council authorize the purchase of a receiver and related equipment at a cost of \$12,300 to upgrade alarm monitoring in the village. Seconded by Natalie Wolf and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Department Update

- They've been a little understaffed due to injury and illness. Looking at schedule changes to manage overtime and provide optimal coverage.
- The K-9 officer is doing well, including assisting nearby communities with searches.
- A substation is now up and running at the Jewish Community Center at their request. The Chief liked the idea because it keeps officers out in the community. It's an office by the front entrance where they can do paperwork or eat lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.