

**Amberley Village Council**  
**Police-Fire Committee – Minutes**  
**February 21, 2017**

In attendance: Peg Conway (chair), PO Chris Fritsch, Scot Lahrmer, Ed Hattenbach, Tom Muething, Bill Doering, Chief Wallace, Natalie Wolf (committee)

Minutes

Minutes from the prior meeting on November 28, 2016, were approved as submitted.

Hamilton County Dive Team Boat

Council previously agreed to receive a \$75,000 donation on behalf of the Hamilton County Police Association to purchase a new boat for the dive team. Amberley will be the owner of the boat to be used by the HCPA for water rescue and other activities though expenses will be funded by the HCPA. One bid was received to construct this specialty boat from Stanley Aluminum Boats. They require a 10% deposit up front and three payments of 30% at specific points during the construction process. Natalie Wolf moved to recommend that Council authorize the village manager to make the deposit and the installment payments as required by the vendor. The motion passed unanimously.

Detective's Vehicle

As anticipated in the budget, the police department plans to replace the detective's vehicle, which is a 2005 Tahoe that has 127,000 road miles (plus idle time). They are looking at used vehicles. It's important for the detective's work that the vehicle not look like a police car, so it will require minimal outfitting, just lights and siren. The detective uses a portable radio. Natalie Wolf moved to recommend that Council authorize a replacement purchase of a used vehicle for the detective's use at a cost up to \$20,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Update

The Chief provided information on recent criminal investigations in the Village and provided 2016 statistics.

- Mayor's court revenue was \$120,000 in 2016, an increase. For the past several years the Village has been keeping more cases here which has the advantage of saving overtime for officers to attend downtown court.
- Police activity in 2016:
  - 1020 total tickets, 1254 charges
  - 924 total citations to mayor's court on 1084 charges
  - 555 arrests
  - Traffic: 144 offense reports and 713 warning citationsThe Chief attributed these results to use of license plate readers identifying warrants. He noted that there are fewer speeding tickets and more drug charges.
- Fire runs: 239 in 2016, the highest since 2004, but he noted that the state mandated different reporting requirements which contributes to the increase. There were 20 runs in January 2017 and 9 thus far in February.
- New system for alarm monitoring is in. The software has been ordered, and they hope to have it up and running in 45 days. Council will need to set fees and process.
- New hire: They are looking at a couple candidates for lateral entry as police, who would then need fire training. The Chief is still testing, expects to administer fitness tests soon.
- The Golf Manor Fire Department is looking at a merger proposal from the Little Miami Fire District. The Chief and Peg Conway both attended a recent town hall in their community. The Golf Manor fire house would remain open and Amberley's contract service would stay as is. No decision has been made yet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.