

Amberley Village Council
Police-Fire Committee
Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2017

In attendance: Peg Conway (chair), Rich Bardach (committee), Scot Lahrmer, Tom Muething, Bill Doering. Lt. Brian Blum, Ed Hattenbach, Natalie Wolf (committee)

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting on Feb. 21, 2017, were approved as submitted.

Police Memorial Week

The national Law Enforcement Memorial Week will be held this year from May 15 to 21. Local events at Fountain Square and at the police memorial will take place on Friday, May 19, with participation by Amberley officers. Rich Bardach moved to recommend adoption of the resolution proclaiming National Law Enforcement Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day, seconded by Peg Conway, and the motion passed unanimously.

Pit Bull Ordinance Modification

The village passed an ordinance banning pit bull terriers in 1999, but since then case law has developed that prevents such bans against specific breeds so the village's ordinance needs to be repealed. Questions were recently posed about it from potential residents. The village retains a separate general ordinance addressing vicious dogs.

Rich moved to recommend adoption of the ordinance to repeal section 90.24, seconded by Peg, and the motion passed unanimously. Because of the need to bring the ordinance into compliance, at the Council meeting there will be motions to waive three readings and to pass it as an emergency.

Plug Hug

Staff played a video demonstration of a device called a Plug Hug which attaches to a backhoe or excavator and is used to make fire hydrants ready for painting in just a few minutes. This piece of equipment would save significant time in maintaining the appearance of fire hydrants in the village. The cost is \$9800 and has been budgeted. Staff had hoped to find another municipality to partner on the purchase but has not been successful to date. Staff recommended the purchase. Natalie moved to recommend the purchase of a Plug Hug, seconded by Rich, and the motion passed unanimously.

Alarm System Update

The new equipment necessary to offer residents alarm monitoring at the station for multiple companies is in place. It will be tested with a few residences for 30-45 days. More detailed plans for implementation will be presented to the committee, probably in July. In a related matter, some residents received a letter from JV Security about the new alarm monitoring program. This mailing was premature given that the system is still being tested. The village will send a clarification.

Lexipol Software

Lt. Blum reported that the department is looking into the purchase of a software system called Lexipol that manages policies and procedures to simplify the updating process. It's all online, conforms with state of Ohio requirements and permits customization for Amberley specific content. Currently the department uses an actual binder. Lexipol would be available to officers while in the field via the in-car computers. The cost is \$8000/year. A question was asked regarding start-up fees. Lt. Blum and the Chief will learn more at an upcoming conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.