

Amberley Village Council

Police-Fire Committee

June 5, 2017

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Natalie Wolf (committee), Rich Bardach (committee), Tom Muething, Bill Doering, Sergeant Tim Schmidtgoessling, Chief Rich Wallace, Ed Hattenbach, Scot Lahrmer

Prior Minutes

The minutes from the prior meeting on April 27 were accepted as submitted.

Lexipol Software Purchase

Lexipol is an online program that manages policies and procedures to simplify the updating process, conforming to the state of Ohio and permitting customization for Amberley specific content, discussed at our prior meeting. The Chief has negotiated with the company for a favorable annual fee of \$7200 (normally \$8000), with a two-year commitment on this price. The village manager is able to authorize expenditures of less than \$7500.

Cruiser Purchase/Conversion

Sgt. Schmidtgoessling presented information on the proposed purchase of a new Ford Explorer at a cost of \$29,320 (through the state bid process), to replace cruiser #514 which has reached 100,000 miles and will now be used as a court car. Estimated cost of \$17,000 to convert the new Ford Explorer is higher than usual because they plan to purchase a new camera system for this vehicle. All costs can be covered through existing budgeted amounts. Rich moved to recommend approval of both purchases to Council. Natalie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SAFER Program

SAFER stands for Seeking Aid From Every Resident and is a community policing initiative that began in ADA, Ohio, to build strong relationships between citizens and their law enforcement agency. The Chief reported that the department has applied for a grant to assist with starting this

program and purchasing items such as signs to post in neighborhoods as well as shirts, prizes, awards. He likes the idea of increasing opportunities for the community to come together. It involves creating a board made up of citizens, businesses and police, and in connection with the program he would like to establish employee awards to be given annually as determined by this board. He hopes to take action by year-end.

Plug Hug Update

Information about a plug hug, which is a piece of equipment that attaches to a backhoe or excavator and is used to efficiently prepare fire hydrants for painting, was presented at the previous meeting. Since then, the village of Mariemont has agreed to split the cost of \$9800 with Amberley. Natalie moved to recommend this purchase to Council. Seconded by Rich and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.