

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. Mayor Charles Kamine called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

PRESENT:

Charles Kamine
Jon Chaiken
Fran Cohen
Peg Conway
Leslie McIntosh
Merrie Stillpass

ALSO PRESENT:

Stephen Cohen, Village Solicitor
Chief Monahan, Police/Fire Chief
Bernie Boraten, Village Manager
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council
Margie Crowley, Finance Administrator
Steve Rasfeld, Public Works Supervisor

ABSENT:

Rich Batterberry, Treasurer
Louis Katz

Mayor Kamine welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amberley Village Council, and led those in attendance through the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Mrs. Conway moved acceptance of the minutes of the July 10, 2008, special meeting and public hearing as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cohen moved acceptance of the minutes of the July 14, 2008, regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Stillpass. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Boraten presented the Finance Report for the month of July, 2008 (Finance Report attached). Mr. Chaiken moved to approve the July Finance Report. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen. The motion carried unanimously.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:

Mayor Kamine introduced as his appointee Leslie McIntosh as the new council member to fill the vacancy that represents District C within the Village. He stated that Ms. McIntosh has been a lifelong resident of the Cincinnati area and has resided on Burning Tree Lane for the last eight years. She has been the organizer of Ohioans Choose Safe Foods. She has been a paralegal since 1991. She served in the litigation department at GE Aircraft Engines and also worked for the law firm of Frost, Brown and Todd. She is married to Dr. Errol Stern. Village Solicitor Steve Cohen then conducted the swearing in of Ms. McIntosh as a new member of council. Following her swearing in, Ms. McIntosh took her seat as a member of Council.

SWEARING IN OF NEW VILLAGE TREASURER:

Mayor Kamine announced that Village Treasurer Rich Batterberry has decided to step down from his duties as the treasurer. Mayor Kamine thanked Mr. Batterberry for his valued service to the Village over the years. Mayor Kamine then stated that Mr. Rick Kay, who has agreed to accept the position of Treasurer, is a CPA with Barnes and Dennig as well as a village resident and comes recommended by Mr. Batterberry to fill the vacancy. Mr. Kay has been a resident for the past six years. He worked in the Village as the Tax Supervisor at Gibson Greeting Cards from 1991 to 1997. He has been a CPA for over 20 years and currently works as a Tax Manager and Team Leader at Barnes and Dennig. Mayor Kamine administered the oath of office to Mr. Kay.

RESIDENT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mrs. Diane Levine, resident at 6770 Fair Acres Lane, commented regarding the new line markings on Ridge Road. Mrs. Levine stated that she appreciated the improvements to Ridge Road and liked the new left turn lanes that were marked. She then expressed that vehicles are utilizing those left turn lanes to continue straight on Ridge instead of turning left. She requested that something be installed to keep vehicles from going straight.

Mayor Kamine asked Mr. Boraten what could be done at this location. Mr. Boraten stated that he had recently discussed this issue with Mrs. Levine. He stated that he had observed the same problem and he has called it to the attention of the police department. He reported that the Village will determine if different markings would be appropriate.

Mrs. Levine also stated that she believed that from 5-7 p.m. drivers should not be allowed to turn right onto Ridge Road from Section when the light is red. Mayor Kamine asked Mr. Boraten to refer this issue to the Village Engineer. Mr. Boraten stated that he could have the police department observe the intersection to ascertain what issues exist at that intersection. He stated that the police would then make recommendations to address any issues. Mrs. Levine offered to allow the police cruisers to sit on her property to catch anyone who may be speeding up the hill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Chaiken reported that the Finance Committee met to discuss funding for a potential settlement of the Crest Hills litigation. He stated that the committee conducted a preliminary review of three banking institutions' proposals for bond financing as well as firms to utilize as bond counsel.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Conway reminded everyone that the Village would hold its annual Ice Cream Social event on Sunday, August 17th from 7-9 p.m. at Village Hall. Mrs. Conway stated that in addition to the ice cream, there will be various safety activities on display such as the dive equipment and boat; child identification and bike safety along with child safety seat installation; and the aerial fire truck will spray water on tennis courts to create the "water park" for the children. There will also be various community groups.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Stillpass announced that there will be a table at the Ice Cream Social for the Beautification Committee. There will be handouts about the new Heritage Tree Program, Emerald Ash Borer, the ReLeaf Tree Order Program and information about rain barrels. The Millcreek Watershed Council will also have a table of information and will conduct tours to the new rain garden site along the walking track near Village Hall. The Beautification Committee will conduct an awards ceremony for the garden awards. The garden award nominees were Jose and Cora Garcia, Brian and Diana Thiel, Stan Elliott and Jay Shatz, Ed and Marianne Brill, Irvin and Kathy Wise, Joyce Seltzer, Chris Ritter, Dennis and Jenny Meador, and the entrance to Rollman Reserve. Mrs. Stillpass stated that she will also have a table for the Long Range Planning Committee. There will be a draft of the 2018 vision of Amberley Village for residents to review and submit feedback.

Mayor Kamine reported that the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School had their open house recently. The school building is the first LEED certified public school. He stated that Cincinnati

Public Schools has voted to require that all future school buildings constructed in accordance with the LEED certified standards, and the State of Ohio followed suit and will also require LEED certified construction for all future school buildings in Ohio. The buildings have motion detectors that manage the lighting operations. There are special blinds that allow more natural light than traditional construction. Special non-toxic paints and materials that were environmentally friendly were utilized. Mrs. Conway then mentioned that the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School will also have a table at the Ice Cream Social.

Mayor Kamine also reported that the Council does need to pass an ordinance for the new treasurer. Mayor Kamine read the ordinance and Mr. Chaiken moved acceptance of ORDINANCE NO 2008-14, ORDINANCE APPOINTING RICK KAY AS VILLAGE TREASURER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Kamine, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, McIntosh, Stillpass (6)
NAY: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Mrs. Cohen moved to approve the Ordinance passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mrs. Stillpass and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Kamine, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, McIntosh, Stillpass (6)
NAY: (0)
ABSENT: (0)

Mayor Kamine then reported that he was in court three weeks ago and made a global settlement proposal that included insurance company and Village dollars. The Ridge Club has accepted that settlement. The Village's insurance company would not go forward with the settlement until all releases were signed by the Ridge Club, Hal Homes, and Hills Communities. At the time of the court appearance the Ridge Club was able to work out an arrangement with Hal Homes. Mr. Silverman agreed to release the Village from any and all further claims. The Ridge Club was unable to complete the same agreement with Mr. Guttman and Hills Communities at that time. The settlement included all damage claims as well as the acquisition of the property by the Village. The settlement agreement is also contingent upon the Village being able to gain financing and close within 45 days. The Finance Committee has undertaken the matter to select a financing option and bond counsel.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Monahan reported that each year the police department replaces police cruisers. He recommended the purchase of two police cruisers to be purchase through the state bidding process. The total cost of the two cruisers is \$45,002.00. Chief Monahan stated that when you add in the changeover for the computers, lights, radio and other equipment, the total expenditure is \$57,442.00, which is \$300 under budget. Chief Monahan requested that Council pass a resolution approving this purchase.

Mrs. Cohen moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2008-12, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PURCHASE TWO NEW POLICE CRUISERS THROUGH THE STATE BIDDING PROGRAM. Seconded by Mrs. Stillpass. The motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Boraten reported that this year the Village is going to experiment with a different approach to acquire salt for snow and ice removal. He stated that in the past we have performed our own bidding process each year. There is now an increasing involvement in the Government Cooperation and Efficiency Project (GCEP) through Hamilton County. Many of the Center for Local Government (CLG) member communities are participating in this joint purchasing and contracting with the County. The Village has participated this summer in the County's salt bid request. The first round results were not satisfactory. The specifications were modified and the bid was sent out a second time which will be due back at the end of August. As a part of trying to bring down the price as much as possible, the Village has agreed to an 80/120 percent contract. That could mean that the Village could be storing more salt on-site. The current salt bin holds over 400 tons. The most salt we could have store could be 1,000 tons and we have plans to accommodate that possibility. Mr. Boraten stated that this is a regional effort to participate in the County's purchasing program and the Village will evaluate whether or not participation is beneficial to the Village as we proceed.

There being no further business, Mrs. Conway moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen. The motion carried unanimously.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Charles Kamine