

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009 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
Louis Katz
Leslie McIntosh
Merrie Stillpass

ALSO PRESENT:

Stephen Cohen, Village Solicitor
Chief Monahan, Police/Fire Chief
Rick Kay, Village Treasurer
Margie Crowley, Financial Administrator
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

ABSENT:

Bernie Boraten, Village Manager
Peg Conway

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

Mayor Kamine presented the minutes of the March 9, 2009, regular meeting. Mrs. Cohen moved acceptance of the March minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Stillpass. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Boraten was not present at this meeting due to an illness. Ms. Crowley, the Village's Financial Administrator, presented the Finance Report for the month of March, 2009 (Finance Report attached). Mr. Chaiken moved to approve the March Finance Report. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen. The motion carried unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mayor Kamine introduced Principal Maria (Lagdameo) McDonough of the Pleasant Ridge Montessori School. This school is the public elementary school for this area. Mrs. McDonough provided an update on the latest developments with the school.

Mrs. McDonough reported that the school coordinated with an Amberley Village resident who is going to install a rain garden at the school as part of an Eagle Scout project. There is also an Amberley Village resident who is a retired Montessorian who teaches knitting, Montessori philosophy and plays guitar to the children during the school day on Mondays.

Mrs. McDonough reported that there are quite a few students from Amberley Village, some of whom attend the Jewish Community Center after school care program. She stated that she is hopeful that more Amberley Village families will send their children to Pleasant Ridge Montessori. She also reported that testing for the O.A.T.'s is next week and stated that academic success is very important to the school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Cohen reported that the Police/Fire Committee met on March 19th to discuss a vacancy of a budgeted police/fire officer position to satisfy the objection of a replacement by Mr. Katz. As stated in the Village Code of Ordinances, and in accordance with the requirement that the department be manned with 18 police/fire personnel, it was determined that hiring of police/fire personnel is not the responsibility of Council, but is determined by the Village Manager in conference with the Chief of Police. Therefore, the notice of availability of the police/fire position will be advertised, and, in addition, an effort will be made to secure funding through the COPS MORE grant that is being offered under the current stimulus package to augment the already budgeted funds. Mrs. Cohen moved acceptance of the report, which was accepted by Mayor Kamine.

LAW COMMITTEE:

Mr. Katz reported that Council passed the property maintenance ordinance on July 16, 2007. He stated that when the code books were recently updated, the property maintenance ordinance was included as an addendum. He pointed out that it was the intent of Council to have the property maintenance ordinance merged into the existing numbering system of the code. He stated that the reformatted and renumbered ordinance has been prepared for insertion into the code.

Mr. Katz presented the Third Reading, and moved to approve, ORDINANCE NO. 2009-02, ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE AMBERLEY VILLAGE INCOME TAX CODE. Seconded by Mr. Chaiken; the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Stillpass reported that the Public Buildings and Grounds Committee met on March 26th to discuss and review the tennis court fee structure. Mrs. Stillpass moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEE FOR TENNIS KEY CARDS FOR THE 2009 AND 2010 SEASONS. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen; the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stillpass reported that the committee also discussed energy savings incentives and grants for projects such as replacement of the lighting in the building and alternative fuels for vehicles.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Stillpass reported that the Beautification Committee met on March 30th to discuss and continue planning tasks for the Arbor Day event. She stated that new activities have been planned for this year, such as a plant swap and e-waste program. She announced the planting of a Liberty Tree Memorial which will take place at Arbor Day. The Liberty Tree is a disease-resistant Elm tree which was granted to the Village by the Elm Research Institute. Roselawn and Golf Manor also received trees.

Mrs. Stillpass also stated that the recent "green" workshops and seminars co-sponsored by Blue Ash and Montgomery were very successful and well received. She then invited resident Roger Toennis to share his experience from the seminars. Mr. Toennis stated that the presenters were excellent and the attendance was high. He asked that the Village make an effort to sponsor

similar seminars in the future as he found the information very informative as an amateur gardener.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE:

Mrs. McIntosh announced the e-waste drop-off program which will take place during the Arbor Day event. Electronic items such as laptops, printers, radios, walkmans, and televisions will be accepted. The items will be taken to Technology Recycling Group for proper disposal. Proof of residency is required. Certain televisions 27 inches or larger may have a charge. Sony, LG, Zenith and Goldstar models will be accepted free of charge. Vouchers are required for all televisions. The vouchers may be picked up at Village Hall. The hours of operation for this drop-off program will be from 1-4 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kamine reported that the Council formed a Citizen Advisory Committee under the direction of Scott Wolf. The members have toured the Amberley Green and divided into subcommittees. Progress reports will be provided to Council as they become available.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

On behalf of the Village Manager, Mayor Kamine gave the Manager's report. Mayor Kamine reported that Amberley Village has received two checks totaling \$106,609 as reimbursement of storm-related expenses following the September 14, 2008 windstorm.

Mayor Kamine reported that the Village is continuing to communicate with various agencies regarding the Federal stimulus grant applications, which includes the Galbraith Road improvement project. The status of the Galbraith Road application will be determined by OKI and the Ohio Department of Transportation during the month of May.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Charles Kamine