

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, MAY 11, 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
Peg Conway
Louis Katz
Leslie McIntosh

ALSO PRESENT:

Bernie Boraten, Village Manager
Steve Cohen, Village Solicitor
Jack Monahan, Police/Fire Chief
Rick Kay, Village Treasurer
Margie Crowley, Financial Administrator
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

ABSENT:

Merrie Stillpass

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 April 13, 2009, regular meeting. Mrs. Cohen moved acceptance of the April minutes. Seconded by Ms. McIntosh. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Boraten presented the Finance Report for the month of April, 2009. Discussion was held regarding various accounts and transactions on the report. It was determined that the report would need adjustments prior to acceptance. Mr. Chaiken moved to table the April Finance Report. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen. The motion carried unanimously.

REMEMBRANCE:

Mayor Kamine regretfully announced the passing of Councilmember Jon Chaiken's father, Mr. Bob Chaiken. Mayor Kamine stated that the late Mr. Chaiken served the Village as Treasurer from June of 1999 through December of 2000. His service to the Village was greatly appreciated and he will be missed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Mayor Kamine reported on behalf of Merrie Stillpass that Village had a successful Arbor Day on May 3rd. Activities included the reading of the Arbor Day proclamation, the Elm tree memorial planting and dedication; volunteers planted bushes and perennials in areas around the upper and lower walking track, weeded and mulched, planted approximately 150 plant plugs in the Village rain garden, removed Honeysuckle at the corner of French Park, planted annuals in front of the

French House, moved an Oak seedling out of the meadowland and planted three large trees near the Art Academy building.

Mayor Kamine then reported the collection results from the E-Waste event that took place at this year's Arbor Day celebration. Twenty-five residents dropped off electronics to be recycled: 4 laptop computers, 24 hard drives, 19 monitors, 16 printers, 5 scanners, 2 fax machines, 24 keyboard trays, 18 cell phones, 9 televisions (collected \$60 for recycle fee), 11 stereo receivers, 1 turntable, 4 stereo speakers, 50 lbs of batteries, and 2 boxes of miscellaneous cables and components.

Arbor Day also included the distribution of the Beautification Award yard signs to the 2008 winners and the kick-off of the 2009 contest.

Mayor Kamine then introduced and invited Beautification Committee Board Member Mr. Jim Kelly to speak about the 2009 Beautification Awards program. Mr. Kelly, resident at 8389 Arborcrest, announced that the program is underway. The awards are based on nominations submitted to Village Hall, which may be obtained from the administration department or on the website. Judging will be performed by Sharon Floro, principal architect of Groundwork Design Collaborative, and another judge yet to be named. The award categories are: Best Curb Appeal, Best Overall Landscape, Best Backyard Haven, and Best Green Landscape, all of which will be divided into two award categories of 'by owner' and 'professional'. Nomination forms must be submitted by June 19th to Village Hall. Judging will occur by July 19th and awards will be presented in August at the Ice Cream Social.

Mayor Kamine then read a long list of various individuals thanking them for their contributions to make the Arbor Day event a success. He then reported that the next meeting of the Beautification Committee will be held on Monday, May 18th at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Conway reported that the spring edition of the Village newsletter has been released. She also reported that the Village website will transition to new software over the next month. The Village calendar will be kept current during that transition; however, additional information will not be added. The Village will be working with a company that specializes in providing website services to local governments and we expect to go live in June.

STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES & SEWERS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Chaiken reported that the committee met and discussed the 2009 road salt requirements and the roads and stormwater programs. The budget for salt in 2009 was at \$64.00 per ton. Last year, due to the supply crisis, salt prices increased to \$130 per ton. The Village Manager has proposed that the Village participate in the Hamilton County bid program for \$66.30 per ton. Participating in the cooperative purchase through Hamilton County will set the price for 2009. The committee recommended that the Village authorize the manager to proceed with arranging for salt through Hamilton County for the 2009-10 season.

Mr. Chaiken reported that the committee also discussed the 2009 road program, which was originally approved for 7,000 feet of curbing and 2,000 feet of mill and patch work. Due to the

engineering costs associated with the Galbraith Road project, the mill and patch work will be postponed and the curbing program will be reduced to 5,000 feet. The \$15,000 for an engineering study to provide a status on the condition of North and South Farmcrest was also tabled to get as much of the budgeted funds into the road system.

Mr. Chaiken reported that the committee also discussed the status of the 2009 stormwater program. All easements for the Aracoma Forest SW project have been obtained and engineering should be completed by June. The Village should be able to go to bid and award the project by the July Council meeting.

Mr. Chaiken reported that there were ten other stormwater projects which were approved as a bundle, however, easements are pending. The Village staff will unbundle those projects that are shovel-ready and proceed to prepare for completion immediately.

Mr. Chaiken reported that the Amberley Green dam was submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for stimulus funding. The project was not funded and the project is on hold pending the results of the newly formed Citizens Advisory Committee.

Mr. Chaiken then presented and moved to approve RESOLUTION 2009-04, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT THROUGH HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO FOR THE FURNISHING TO THE VILLAGE OF ROAD SALT FOR THE 2009-10 WINTER SEASON. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen. The motion carried unanimously. A brief discussion was held regarding the stipulations involved in contracting with the County. It was clarified that this contract will commit the Village to purchase 750 tons of salt at \$66.30 a ton.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Chaiken reported that the Investment Committee held their quarterly meeting on May 7th. He stated that the committee discussed the investment policy, along with many other items, such as the available depositories, risk assessment, length of term for new investments, etc. He stated that it was determined that the Village may utilize multiple depositories for services. The committee determined that the Village should keep term limits up to 16 months at this time due to low rates and that the Village will retain a second depository. The committee holds quarterly meetings with the Village Manager and the Village Financial Administrator.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kamine reported that the current code requires that the stormwater utility maintain a citizen advisory board. Two members' terms expire at the end of May. Mayor Kamine proposed that Wayne Signer and Nimet Jeruzalmi both be re-appointed to a four-year term. Mrs. Cohen moved to approve. Seconded by Ms. McIntosh. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kamine then read a proclamation declaring the week of May 17, 2009 Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week in the Village.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Boraten reported that the state auditor requires that the Village pass an ordinance appropriating the FEMA reimbursement funds to the general fund which would authorize the Village to essential spend the funds. Discussion was held regarding the necessity of emergency measure. Mr. Chaiken moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2009-03, AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FEMA FUNDS TO AMBERLEY VILLAGE FOR TH EXPENSES RELATED TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR THE 2008 WINDSTORM. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Kamine, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, Katz, McIntosh	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Stillpass	(1)

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

AYE: Kamine, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, Katz, McIntosh	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: Stillpass	(1)

Mr. Boraten then reported that the Hamilton County Storm Water District has proposed a model ordinance for adoption and acceptance of their storm water district rules and regulations. CDS is studying the rules and regulations for its municipal clients and will make a recommendation to the Village.

Mr. Boraten also reported that he will be attending additional meeting regarding the infrastructure funding for the Galbraith Road project. The meetings will be held at OKI and determine the final decision for funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Katz reported that Amberley Village resident Jay Shatz was recently featured in the Cincinnati Enquirer regarding his dedication to Big Brother Big Sisters of Cincinnati. Mr. Shatz received the honor of Ohio's Big Brother of the Year. Mr. Katz commended Mr. Shatz on his award.

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