

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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
Merrie Stillpass

ALSO PRESENT:

Bernie Boraten, Village Manager
Steve Cohen, Village Solicitor
Jack Monahan, Police/Fire Chief
Rick Kay, Village Treasurer
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council
Steve Rasfeld, Public Works Supervisor

ABSENT:

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 July 13, 2009, regular meeting. Mrs. Cohen moved acceptance of the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Stillpass. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Kamine presented the minutes of the July 28, 2009, special meeting and public hearing. Mrs. Cohen moved acceptance of the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Chaiken. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Boraten presented the Finance Report for the month of July, 2009. Mr. Katz moved acceptance of the July Finance Report (copy attached). Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Kamine presented a proclamation to resident Matthew Heldman for the community service work that he provided by participating as an e-waste recycling volunteer for the Village during the Arbor Day celebration.

PRESENTATIONS:

Pleasant Ridge Montessori Foundation: Residents Katie Burroughs and Susan Goering announced that the Pleasant Ridge Montessori Foundation has coordinated fundraising events and would like to invite the Village residents to attend in an effort to support the new Montessori school. There will be an event held at Molly Malone's on August 28th from 6-10 p.m., that will return 15% of the proceeds back to the Pleasant Ridge Montessori Foundation. A spaghetti dinner has been set for September 25th and tickets will be available at the Ice Cream Social for

the dinner. Adult tickets are \$7 and children's tickets are \$4. It was also announced that the Pleasant Ridge Montessori has bricks for sale that can be purchased for \$30. All donations are tax deductible.

Pleasant Ridge Library: Mr. David Dukart from the Pleasant Ridge Library presented a PowerPoint presentation to make residents aware that the library will be placing a 1 mil tax levy on the ballot in November. Mr. Dukart also explained, from various data which was presented, statistics regarding the library's circulation and lack of funding beginning in 2010. Mr. Dukart pointed out that the library's operational funds will run out at the end of 2009. He stated that if the levy is not passed, employees will be cut, hours of branches will be shortened and branch closures will occur. The levy equates to \$2.50 per month per \$100,000 of a resident's property valuation.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Ms. Jean Brand, resident at 6530 Hudson Parkway, informed the Council that Time Warner Cable has removed two public broadcasting stations from the basic cable channel package. Ms. Brand was interested in finding out if the Village has any recourse under the current contract with Time Warner Cable.

Mr. Boraten explained that he researched the matter and learned that the two channels being removed from the basic cable package are considered to be carried under a "carriage" contract. Local governments do not have the authority to exercise control over carriage channels. Amberley Village can control a set of channels referred to as "PEG" channels. He then clarified that the channels in question are not a part of the PEG channels within the Village's control.

Mr. Boraten stated that he spoke with Pat Stern at ICRC (Inter Community Regulatory Commission) and she clarified that the only recourse is for citizens to directly notify Time Warner Cable of any complaints regarding service.

Mr. Boraten stated that he would like to coordinate a meeting with the Health, Education and Welfare Committee and invite Pat Stern with ICRC to provide an opportunity for the Village to learn about the cable regulatory market. Mr. Boraten explained that the Village, due to certain state laws, would not be permitted to renew the contract with Time Warner Cable after it expires. Mr. Boraten invited Ms. Brand and any other interested citizens to attend the meeting with ICRC so that residents would have an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Brand stated that she intended to change cable companies in order to have the channels she prefers on the basic package.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEAUTIFICATION:

Mrs. Stillpass reported that the garden award winners will be announced at the Ice Cream Social. She thanked Mr. Jim Kelly and Ms. Pam Hessler for all of their hard work in preparing for the event. The committee will have a re-leaf program available so that residents can order trees at a discounted price. Order information will be available at the Ice Cream Social and on the Village website.

Mrs. Stillpass reported that there will not be an August Beautification Committee meeting. The next meeting will be September 21.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE:

Ms. McIntosh reported that the Health, Education and Welfare Committee met several times to prepare a bid packet as it relates to the Village's trash and recycling pick-up contract. Notice to bid will be published this month. The committee will review the bid results and prepare a recommendation to council at the October council meeting.

Ms. McIntosh announced that she would be coordinating the Village's participation in the International Walk to School Day on October 7th. Pleasant Ridge Montessori and Nativity Schools will be invited to participate. She and Mrs. Stillpass have designated a safe walking route that has been reviewed by Chief Monahan. For more details on the origin of this event, visit walktoschool-usa.org. The committee has a need for chaperones to escort the children. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Ice Cream Social.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Boraten reported that a number of public works projects are underway. The Village held a preconstruction meeting for the Aracoma Forest Drive stormsewer project. Work for this contract will begin late August or early September. Sunesis was awarded the job.

Mr. Boraten next reported that a preconstruction meeting was held for the 2009 Road Program. The streets that will be worked on are Springvalley, Longmeadow, Lamarque, Kentland and Beechlands. Work will begin August 17th and continue through October, weather permitting.

Mr. Boraten reported that the gas main replacement by Duke Energy along Galbraith Road is underway. Duke Energy has moved into Deer Park to perform connection work to Plainfield and will return to the Village after such is completed. Cincinnati Water Works is readying for the water main replacement for the entire length of Galbraith. The bids for that portion of the project will be placed soon by Cincinnati Water Works. The Village should see replacement of that water main by the end of the year. The Village's engineering firm, CDS & Associates, continues to work on the Ohio Department of Transportation requirements related to the road improvements to Galbraith Road. The road improvements should begin in the spring of 2010.

Mr. Boraten also reported that the Village continues to participate in the Center for Local Government's program to collaboratively conduct police training with an advanced interactive computer system. The group, consisting of 16 governments, acquires new equipment every five years. Two computerized training units tour the participating governments to train every officer within each jurisdiction. The units cost \$86,000 per unit. The collaborative approach allows municipalities to train with the most advanced equipment for the minimal cost of approximately \$90 per officer per year. Mr. Boraten invited the council to see the equipment. It is the most advanced equipment utilized for use of force decision-making training.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Kamine reminded everyone that the Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 23rd from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with parking.

Mayor Kamine reported that he has toured the Amberley Green and stated that the Village staff has accomplished a lot of work to improve the property's appearance. Patchwork to the walking path will continue and safety matters will also continue to be addressed by the Village staff. The property should be ready to be opened by the week of August 17th. Mayor Kamine stated that he will then utilize the community safe system to notify residents when the park is open. Amberley Village vehicle identification stickers will be required for parking at the Amberley Green. The park will be open for walking and jogging. Pets are welcome and there will be bags available for pet waste clean-up. Council is awaiting a recommendation from the Citizen Advisory Committee regarding the future use of the property.

Mr. Boraten took a moment to express his appreciation for all of the hard work done at the Amberley Green property by Wes Brown and Steve Rasfeld. Mayor Kamine stated that the safety and appearance of the property has greatly improved. Mrs. Stillpass then stated that she also toured the property and commends the staff for doing a great job preparing the property for use by the residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Kamine reported that the Village has been discussing the addition of language to the zoning code that would provide for the encouragement of future buildings to have "green" design. Mrs. Stillpass stated that she attended a webinar regarding large and small wind energy opportunities. She explained the option of a small wind turbine that would attach to a residential house along with other opportunities such as solar panels and geothermal heating. Mayor Kamine then referred to the Planning Commission the request to draft language for the Village Code that encourages alternative energy and regulations for such options. Mrs. Stillpass stated that Hamilton County has already adopted such language and regulations that can serve as an example to the Village. Mr. Chaiken, as Chair of the Planning Commission, acknowledged the request and asked that Mrs. Stillpass send her information and examples to him prior to holding a meeting on this item.

There being no further business, Mrs. Conway moved to adjourn the council meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen and the motion carried unanimously.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Charles Kamine