

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. Mayor Merrie Stillpass called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

**PRESENT:**

Jon Chaiken  
Fran Cohen  
Peg Conway  
Ed Hattenbach  
Louis Katz  
Leslie McIntosh  
Merrie Stillpass

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bernie Boraten, Village Manager  
Jack Monahan, Police/Fire Chief  
Rick Kay, Village Treasurer  
Kevin Frank, Village Solicitor  
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

**ABSENT:**

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

**MINUTES**

Mayor Stillpass presented the minutes of the August 9, 2010, regular meeting and asked if there were any corrections or additions. There being none, Mayor Stillpass stated that the minutes stand approved as distributed.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Boraten presented the August, 2010, Finance Report (copy attached). Mayor Stillpass asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, Mayor Stillpass announced that the finance report would be filed as received.

**SWEARING IN**

Mayor Stillpass announced that there was a promotion in the police department and asked Chief Monahan to report on the process. Chief Monahan reported that there were five competing officers in the process, which was a multi-faceted selection process. He announced that Officer Tim Schmidtgoessling was chosen for the sergeant's position. Mayor Stillpass conducted the swearing-in and administered the oath of office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Ms. McIntosh reported that there is only one week left to place orders for the Releaf Program, which ends on September 17. She noted that the order forms are available on the website and at Village Hall.

Ms. McIntosh reported that the Green Clearing event has been held on the first Thursday of each month and will continue through the fall. Activities include brush clearing and removal of invasive species at the Amberley Green property. She stated the group would focus next on the plantings at the corner of Ridge and the maintenance department will assist. The next event is October 7 at 6 p.m. She also announced that the #8 reason to attend the event is to watch Ed Hattenbach and Bill Lennard wield weed eaters.

### **STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES & SEWERS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chaiken reported that the committee recently met and discussed several items. The first was the Storm Water Management Advisory Committee's recommendation to move forward with final engineering of non-easement projects and continue to work on obtaining easements where needed. The committee accepted this recommendation.

Mr. Chaiken next reported that the committee reviewed the proposed Hamilton County Storm Water District Rules and Regulations, which are required to be passed to be in compliance with state and federal environmental protection agency mandates. Mr. Chaiken read and moved to approve the first reading of this ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Katz. Mr. Chaiken noted that this ordinance would be available at Village Hall for those interested in reviewing.

Mr. Chaiken reported that the committee discussed the opportunity of energy aggregation to provide savings to residents as it relates to their utility bill by allowing residents to join a larger buying group. He stated that there are two types of programs; opt-in and opt-out. The opt-in program allows the council to recommend a provider and residents can choose to participate. The opt-out program requires legislative action with a ballot vote by the residents. This program automatically enrolls all residents, which would result in the greatest savings opportunity. Mr. Chaiken commented that the committee will be narrowing the list of providers and expects to report at the next council meeting.

Mr. Chaiken stated that the committee also discussed the status of the Galbraith Road improvement project and asked the Village Manager to give the report. Mr. Boraten reported that the project is nearly complete. He stated that the final traffic signal adjustments, final permanent signage, and line striping are some of the remaining items. There will also be a punch-list after inspection.

There was some discussion among council regarding the lane striping and lane configuration, which Mr. Boraten suggested that the Village Engineer and committee meet to discuss any concerns related to such. Mr. Chaiken agreed that the roads committee would take any concerns under advisement.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mr. Chaiken reported that the Planning Commission was asked to recommend regulations as it related to alternative energy systems in the Village. Mr. Chaiken read and moved to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance. Seconded by Mr.

Katz and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Chaiken noted that the ordinance will be available at Village Hall for inspection.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Mrs. Conway reported that the Ice Cream Social event on August 15 was very successful. She thanked staff, especially the Public Safety Department, and also the coordinators, Amy Rubenstein and Dana Woods. She stated that the art display was an enjoyable addition to this year's event.

Mrs. Conway stated that the committee met and discussed the opportunity for the Village to engage an unpaid internship relating to communications. She stated that the committee decided to move forward with this opportunity and the intern will assist with the Village website and newsletter. Mrs. Conway also reported that the next newsletter deadline is October 4.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hattenbach reported that the bond for the Amberley Green property will need to be renewed before next month in order to finalize all the necessary paperwork to renew the bond. Mr. Hattenbach read and moved to approve ORDINANCE 2010-17, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,220,000 OF RENEWAL NOTES, BY THE VILLAGE OF AMBERLEY, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A FINAL JUDGMENT. Seconded by Mr. Katz and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Stillpass, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, Hattenbach, Katz, McIntosh	(7)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT:	(0)

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

AYE: Stillpass, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, Hattenbach, Katz, McIntosh	(7)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT:	(0)

Mr. Hattenbach next reported on the committee's recommendation to propose an ordinance which reduces the income tax credit for tax paid to another municipality. He read and moved to approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Katz. Mr. Hattenbach pointed out that the ordinance is available for inspection at Village Hall.

Mrs. Cohen requested that a few examples be given in regards to what this change would mean to the residents. Mr. Hattenbach explained that a resident who works in the City of Cincinnati pays 2.1 percent to the City of Cincinnati. The resident would no longer receive the 100% credit from Amberley for the tax paid to the City of Cincinnati, but would receive only a 50% (1% of the 2% tax) credit of the Amberley income tax from

Amberley. Thus, the resident would pay 1 percent to Amberley resulting in a total municipal income tax of 3.1 percent. Residents working in Amberley or in an area without income tax would be unaffected.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Stillpass reported that she has completed her interviews with the Village's businesses and institutions. She stated that all are healthy and thriving. She reported that some use public transportation; 4 institutions have land available, but no plans for development; all institutions have marking campaigns; all spoke very highly of the public safety department, but had no experience with the maintenance department. She stated it was a great opportunity to meet with all of the businesses to continue their involvement with the Village.

Mrs. Conway added that she will be featuring the business profiles in upcoming newsletters.

Mayor Stillpass reported that on September 12 she read a proclamation at the Mayerson J, declaring the day "Community Arts Day" in Amberley Village.

Mayor Stillpass stated that she provided council with a handout regarding an upcoming workshop from Hamilton County that will be a multi-session workshop relating to sustainable communities. She asked council members to consider participating.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Boraten commented that his report was given earlier in the Streets, Public Utilities and Sewers Committee report regarding the update on Galbraith Road and that completed his report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Monahan reported that on September 25 the police department will participate in a National Take Back event which will permit citizens to bring pharmaceutical drugs to the police department lobby for disposal from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. He stated that there are a list of acceptable and unacceptable items posted to the website or individuals may contact the police department.

Mr. Katz then asked if the Chief would look into installing speed bumps on Sagamore at the request of a resident.

Mayor Stillpass stated that there being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

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Mayor Merrie Stillpass