

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a special session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011, 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
Merrie Stillpass

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Lahrmer, Interim Village Manager
Kevin Frank, Village Solicitor
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council
Rick Kay, Village Treasurer

ABSENT:

Leslie McIntosh

Mayor Merrie Stillpass welcomed everyone to the special council meeting of the Amberley Village Council, and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to swear-in the new police/fire chief. She next asked those present to stand while the Hamilton County Honor Guard conducted the presentation of colors. She then led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Stillpass thanked everyone for attending the swearing-in of Rich Wallace as the fifth police chief of Amberley Village. She noted that for the Village to have had only five police chiefs during its 71-year history is no small feat. She commented that it signified a well orchestrated police/fire department with a working environment strong enough to retain employees for several years. Each of the past chiefs served an average of 30 years with Amberley. Lt. Wallace started with the Village on July 8, 1996. She wished him many great years ahead in his career as chief. She then invited Vice Mayor Jon Chaiken to introduce Lt. Wallace.

Vice Mayor Jon Chaiken introduced our newest Police and Fire Chief, Rich Wallace and stated that Wallace would be sworn in as Amberley Village's fifth Chief of Police and Fire. Wallace has been with Amberley since 1996, worked his way through the ranks of police officer, sergeant, and currently serves as the second shift supervisory Lieutenant.

Mr. Chaiken stated that this was a celebration of one of Amberley Village's finest: Rich Wallace. Raised in Norwood by his parents, Ron and Virginia Wallace, Rich was one of four kids. Rich, along with his brother and two sisters were familiar with public service growing up. Rich's father retired from Norwood's Fire Department and the family boasts a legacy of police and firefighters. Rich's brother, Ron Jr. is currently an officer in Golf Manor and a captain in Norwood Fire and several other family members are in public service as well. Wallace's family was present for this significant event.

Mr. Chaiken noted that Lt. Wallace graduated from Police Executive Leadership College in 2007 and from Certified Law Enforcement Executive in 2010. He stated that council is confident that he will serve the office well.

Mr. Chaiken then asked Mayor Stillpass to administer the oath of office to Lt. Rich Wallace.

Mayor Stillpass invited Lt. Wallace to come forward and she administered the oath of office. Chief Wallace's wife, Kim, then pinned on his badge and his children, Kendra, Richie and Blake pinned on the eagles to his uniform.

Chief Wallace then thanked everyone for attending the ceremony. He thanked his family and extended family for their support during his journey to this achievement, which has come with its own personal sacrifices. He explained that he learned a lot from the previous chief, Jack Monahan as well as the previous village manager, Bernie Boraten and wished the best to them in their well-deserved retirement.

Chief Wallace expressed that he was honored to work with the highest quality staff and vowed to maintain the highest level of professionalism and integrity to move the department forward in a positive direction. He stated that he was looking forward to working with the new interim manager to keep Amberley a wonderful place to work and live.

He then thanked the residents who were present. He noted that the residents and officers have always had a great relationship and it is what makes Amberley's department outstanding. He stated that through open, honest communication between residents and officers sworn to protect them, we can keep the Village the safe and spectacular community that it is today.

Chief Wallace concluded by thanking village council for their support and encouragement as well as taking time out of their schedule to be present during this event. He then thanked everyone and stated that it was an honor to be in the position.

Hamilton County Honor Guard then retrieved the colors and exited council chambers.

Mayor Stillpass invited everyone to attend the reception in the lobby. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Merrie Stillpass