

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor J.K. Byar called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

PRESENT:

Richard Bardach
J.K. Byar
Bill Doering
Ed Hattenbach
Tom Muething
Ray Warren
Natalie Wolf

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Rich Wallace, Police/Fire Chief
Kevin Frank, Village Solicitor
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council
Rick Kay, Village Treasurer

ABSENT:

Mayor Byar welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amberley Village Council and led those in attendance through the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Betty Whitaker then sang the National Anthem. The invocation was given by Dr. Gary P. Zola.

MINUTES

Mayor Byar presented the minutes of the May 14, 2012, regular meeting. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Since there were no corrections or additions, Mayor Byar stated that the minutes stand approved as submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer presented the April, 2012, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). A summary of this report noted total revenue for the month of April of \$1,101,464 while expenses equaled \$349,146. At the end of April, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2.6 million. Mr. Lahrmer noted that the Village is holding the line on expenses and has expended 29% of its funds for the year as compared to the 33% expense projection.

Mr. Lahrmer provided a report of tax collections for the surrounding communities in response to Mr. Warren's request at the May Council meeting. The report reflected most other communities' tax collections were at a higher percent than Amberley, some of which was attributed to tax increases or new business.

Since there no other questions or comments, the report was accepted as submitted.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Ms. Wolf reported that the committee met with Holly Christmann from the Hamilton County Solid Waste District regarding the state requirement to form solid waste district plans for all Ohio counties. Ms. Christmann presented and reviewed the county's plan update with the committee.

Ms. Christmann gave an overview of the program to council and stated that the plan is reviewed every five years. The plan includes the county's recycling program in which the village participates and receives funds from based on its recycling rate.

Ms. Wolf moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2012-38, RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PARKS COMMITTEE

Ms. Wolf reported that the committee met regarding the establishment of a non-resident parking fee at the Amberley Green to encourage use of the property. Options for the type of sticker were reviewed. After discussions with the village manager and solicitor, it was recommended to table the resolution until additional details were reviewed regarding risk management to ensure the parking fee would not increase the village's risk management insurance expenses.

Ms. Wolf moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2012-04, ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEE FOR NON-RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT FOR 2012-2013. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach. After discussion pertaining to the recommendations of the manager and solicitor to table the motion, Mr. Muething moved to table ORDINANCE 2012-04. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Mr. Warren reported the committee met and received an update on the employee healthcare plan. The Village belongs to the Center for Local Government Benefit Pool (CLGBP), a 15-member consortium that buys healthcare services for each community's employees. The CLGBP increase for the 2012-13 plan year was going to be 19.5%, however, the pool was able to negotiate a reduced renewal increase of 13.74%, which includes a 10% surcharge for deficit reduction.

In addition to last year's increase of employee contributions towards healthcare of 10%, an additional 5% was added to the employee contribution for a total of 15% of the premium cost being paid by employees. The 2012 renewal maintained the Platinum B plan and added a plan option that employees can "buy up" to obtain better coverage.

The Village expense for healthcare will be \$374,051. Employees will be paying \$58,964 for their share of costs for the high deductible Platinum B plan. Dental insurance costs for the Village will be \$27,824.

Mr. Warren moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39, RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES A RENEWED AND UPDATED HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, A CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO EMPLOYEES' HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT, AND RENEWING THE DENTAL PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Ms. Wolf announced that on June 22nd from 8 a.m. to noon Israel Scouts and Greenleaf participants will meet on Ridge Road at French Park across from the Amberley Village walking track to work together to build a bridge connecting the two pieces of the new "Amberley Trail" in French Park. Topicz is donating snacks and Pepsi is donating bottled water. This "Bridging the Gap" event is a WeThrive! funded project.

The Village's Ice Cream Social will be held on August 19. Amy Rubenstein will chair the event and is soliciting sponsors to fund the event. A new activity for the event will be teen sidewalk chalk art.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach reported the committee met to discuss an agreement with Management Partners to study shared services opportunities between the communities of Silverton, Deer Park and Amberley Village. The proposal was recommended by the committee to enter into the agreement at a cost of \$4,650, which is one-third of the total cost.

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2012-40, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MANAGEMENT PARTNERS. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hattenbach commented that the effort is in response to an era of reduced revenues and will be a benefit to the communities. Mr. Muething agreed and commended Scot Lahrmer and his colleagues for looking at a different way of doing business as an opportunity rather than a threat. Mr. Warren noted that he was also pleased with the positive atmosphere among all.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Bardach conducted the first reading of ORDINANCE 2012-05, ORDINANCE ADOPTING NORTH SITE ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS. He stated that the Planning Commission worked to establish a new zoning district for the North Site. The regulations were prepared in collaboration with the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission. Permitted uses discussed for the site are office, flex office/warehouse, hotels/motels, nursing homes, recreational uses, government/public buildings/facilities, universities, and other educational facilities. Residential use was excluded as part of the overall plan for this site. The next step is for council to hold a public hearing on the proposed regulations.

Mr. Hattenbach moved to set the public hearing on Ordinance 2012-05 on July 9 and that the notification of the public hearing shall be posted to the website, eNews, and the posting boards. Seconded by Mr. Muething and the motion carried unanimously.

Following the adoption of the regulations by Council, the Planning Commission must develop a revised zoning map, schedule and hold a public hearing.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer reported that Cincy Magazine rated Amberley Village as the 7th best community in the Greater Cincinnati area. He stated that residents are very proud to be Amberley Village residents and the article went to great length to point out Amberley's large lots, commitment to trees and green space, strong community identity and Village services.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved the conditional use permit requested for 2400 Section Road. The motion contained numerous conditions. The Board approved rear and side yard variances for an addition at 7685 French Park Place. A public hearing was held for the proposed zoning regulations for the North Site. The regulations will next be considered by Council.

The Village had a very successful electric aggregation enrollment with the opt-out percentage being only 1.2%. The next step for aggregation is natural gas. The plan is to have gas aggregation in place toward the end of summer. Residents are encouraged to not sign up with any suppliers and wait until the Village secures the lowest rate.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Byar announced the passing of former Council Member Sylvan Reisenfeld. He asked the Clerk to read the condolence letter being sent to the family into the record. Mr. Reisenfeld served on the Village's Planning Commission from 1981-1994 and on Council from 1992-1995.

Mayor Byar then expressed his appreciation for comments that Mr. Al Lane made at the Jun 7 Planning Commission meeting which was in regards to the proposed North Site District Zoning Regulations.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Wolf announced that the Health, Education and Welfare Committee will meet on June 27 at 2 p.m. for a presentation from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding deer management.

There being no further business, Mayor Byar adjourned the meeting.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor J.K. Byar