

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, July 8, 2013 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:

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

EXCUSED:

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

Mayor Byar welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amberley Village Council. He then led those in attendance through the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Betty Whitaker then sang the National Anthem.

MINUTES

Mayor Byar presented the minutes of the June 10, 2013 regular meeting. He asked if there were any additional corrections or additions. Since there were none, Mayor Byar stated that the minutes stand approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Since the Village Manager was on vacation and not present at the meeting, Mr. Hattenbach presented the May, 2013, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). A summary of this report noted total tax collections for the month of May totaled \$186,658, down 11% from 2012; however, the total year-to-date collections are up 23% over the 2012 year-to-date. The total general fund revenue for the month of May was \$342,483 while expenses equaled \$137,844. At the end of May, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2,878,382. The report was accepted as submitted.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Byar presented former Council Member Louis Katz with a proclamation declaring July 9, 2013, 'Louis Katz Day' in Amberley Village. The Mayor recognized Mr. Katz for his prior service on council and good citizenship.

CITIZEN TO SPEAK:

Mr. Albert Lane, resident at 7200 Fair Oaks, presented his concerns relating to storm drainage issues on the Hordes property located at 7202 Fair Oaks Drive. He referred to a written speech and submitted a packet of documents to council (copy attached) that detailed the specifications of the drainage issues and his request.

Discussion was held and Mr. Lane was assured that this matter has been referred back to committee level for further review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach reported additional statistics from the Finance Report for May. Total revenue collected for the year was \$2.7 million of the budgeted \$3.8 million.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Ms. Wolf reported that the committee met to discuss pedestrian safety. She noted various main thoroughfares in the Village are not equipped with sidewalks or walking paths. She felt that residents have asked for installation of sidewalks and walking paths over the years and it has not occurred due to funding and the lack of long-range planning. She stated the committee will next seek input from residents on this item.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Ms. Wolf reported that the Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 18 from 6-8 p.m. Amy Rubenstein volunteered to chair the event. There will be additional information tables this year on pedestrian safety as well as a mini-farmers' market from the Amberley Green gardeners.

Ms. Wolf also reminded residents that the council is collecting input regarding whether residents desire to continue to have the Village broadcast its council meetings on Time Warner Cable.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Muething reported that the committee had not met, however, the Village received notification from The Walnut Development Group that they would be withdrawing from the development agreement for Amberley Green. He noted that this was an internal decision made by The Walnut Development Group and had nothing to do with the Village or the viability of the Amberley Green. He stated council would continue to seek development of the property consistent with the concept plan developed by the Long Range Planning Committee, previously adopted by council.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Wallace informed council of two commendations he recently issued within his department. He commented that Det. Jeff Norton and Sgt. Tim Schmidtgoessling were recognized for their excellent work on the home invasion case on Fair Oaks. The offenders in the case were apprehended and convicted. Additionally, Officer James Drake was recognized for his successful detective work performed on an incident that resulted in a conviction of 3 counts of burglary.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Byar noted that the Village Manager was not present as he is on vacation.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor J.K. Byar