

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. Clerk of Council Nicole Browder called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

PRESENT:

Richard Bardach
Peg Conway
Bill Doering
Ed Hattenbach
Thomas C. Muething
Ray Warren
Natalie Wolf

ALSO PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Clerk Browder welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amberley Village Council. She then led those in attendance through the pledge of allegiance.

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR

Clerk Browder next called for nominations for the seat of Mayor. Mr. Doering moved to nominate Council Member Tom Muething as Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Warren. Clerk Browder asked for any further nominations. There being none the roll call showed the following vote for Mr. Muething to be nominated as Mayor for the 2013-2015 term:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf (7)
NAY: (0)

Clerk Browder then turned the meeting over to Mayor Muething.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE MAYOR

Mayor Muething called for nominations for the seat of Vice Mayor. Ms. Conway moved to nominate Council Member Natalie Wolf as Vice Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Doering. Mayor Muething asked for any further nominations. There being none, the roll call showed the following vote for Ms. Wolf to be nominated as Vice Mayor for the 2013-2105 term:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf (7)
NAY: (0)

Chief Wallace next administered the oaths of office for the positions of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Muething next presented council with a recommendation for the committee assignments. He noted that he worked with the Village Manager to develop the list and ensured that each member chaired at least one committee and served on three to five committees. Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve the committee member list as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR, TREASURER & CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mayor Muething presented Ordinance 2013-22, Ordinance Appointing Kevin Frank as Village Solicitor and Stacey Lefton as Mayor's Court prosecutor. Ms. Conway moved to approve Ordinance 2013-22. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf (6)
NAY: (0)

ABSTAINED: Bardach

(1)

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve Ordinance 2013-22 as an emergency measure for the continuity of legal representation for the Village. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf

(6)

NAY:

(0)

ABSTAINED: Bardach

(1)

Mayor Muething presented Ordinance 2013-23, Ordinance Appointing Rick Kay as Village Treasurer. Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve Ordinance 2013-23. Seconded by Mr. Warren and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf

(7)

NAY:

(0)

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve Ordinance 2013-23 as an emergency measure for the continuity of legal representation for the Village. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf

(7)

NAY:

(0)

Mayor Muething presented Ordinance 2013-24, Ordinance Appointing Nicole Browder as Clerk of Council. Ms. Wolf moved to approve Ordinance 2013-24. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf

(7)

NAY:

(0)

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve Ordinance 2013-24 as an emergency measure for the continuity of legal representation for the Village. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf

(7)

NAY:

(0)

MINUTES

Mayor Muething presented the minutes of the November 11, 2013 regular meeting. Mayor Muething asked if there were any corrections or additions. Since there were none, Mayor Muething stated that the minutes were accepted.

FINANCE REPORT

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer presented the October, 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 October totaled \$209,251 and the total year-to-date collections are up 1% over the October 2012 year-to-date. The total general fund revenue for the month of October was \$337,280 while expenses equaled \$180,837. At the end of October, unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2,787,581. The report was accepted as submitted.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Muething reported that the committee met and discussed changes to the proposed regulations regarding panhandle lots based upon input received at the public hearing. The ordinance was tabled at the last council meeting until the January council meeting to allow for the

committee to discuss the public input. The committee has proposed changes and those modifications will be distributed to council and the item will be taken up at the January council meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-25, Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, , Wolf (6)
NAY: Warren (1)

Council member Warren distributed a note he had previously shared with the Finance Committee. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-26, Ordinance Appropriating Funds for the Fiscal Year 2013. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf (7)
NAY: (0)

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-32, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Argonaut for Property and Casualty Insurance. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-27, Ordinance Establishing #9915, #9917, #9919 and #9921 Kenwood SWJEDZ Funds. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf (7)
NAY: (0)

POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway presented Resolution No. 2013- 33, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract for Paramedic and EMS Services with Golf Manor and Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire Department. She noted that the rate was negotiated down from the original cost. Mrs. Conway moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-33, seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer presented Resolution No. 2013-34, Resolution Requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to Place Liens Against Properties for Nuisance Abatement Expenses Incurred by the Village. Ms. Conway moved to approve Resolution 2013-34, seconded by Mr. Doering and the motion carried, with one abstention (Bardach).

Mr. Lahrmer reported leaf collection will continue in between snow fighting efforts through December 31.

The Center for Local Government Benefits Pool deficit has decreased from \$240,000 to \$167,000. The pool has made significant reductions to the deficit as a result of various changes imposed on the benefit pool members. It is projected that a deficit will no longer exist in approximately 2-4 years.

The JEDZ fund has collected \$2,700 to date. The Village will receive 10% of those dollars along with a small collection fee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething expressed that it is his honor to serve the Village. He is confident that the Village will move forward and it is the council's mission and role to make the Village a better place. He noted the diversity on council provides for variation in viewpoints which results in better decision making. He encouraged residents to attend Village meetings and submit ideas for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Conway mentioned that she attended the elected officials training hosted by Hamilton County Regional Planning. The County will be putting together a series on fiscal sustainability. She highlighted that it was announced at the meeting that Amberley Village was the only known municipality to have developed a Financial Sustainability Report and she felt that was noteworthy for the Village.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Thomas C. Muething