

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, February 10, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Muething 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

Mayor Muething welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amberley Village Council. He then led those in attendance through the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Muething presented the minutes of the January 13, 2014 regular meeting. He noted minor changes were distributed prior the meeting. Mayor Muething asked if there were any corrections or additions. There being none, Mayor Muething stated that the minutes were accepted.

FINANCE REPORT

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer presented the December 2013 Finance Report (a copy of which is attached). A summary of this report noted total tax collections for the month of December totaled \$115,569 and the total year-to-date collections are up 8.5% from the December 2012 year-to-date. The total general fund revenue for the month of December was \$173,888 while expenses equaled \$360,139. At the end of December, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2,857,828. The report was accepted as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Muething announced that it is the 10-year anniversary of the formation of the Environmental Stewardship Committee. He commended the individuals that participated on the committee and praised the projects accomplished to date. He then announced that appointments to the Environmental Stewardship Committee were in order to be approved and run concurrent with this council's term. The individuals to serve were referenced as follows:

Merrie Stillpass, Chair
Jim Kelly
Chuck Grossman
Roger Toennis
Kathy Kramer
Colin Driscoll
Susan Rissover – Rep from Board of Zoning Appeals
Tom Karr – Rep for Amberley Village Employees
Tom Muething – Rep for Council

Ms. Conway moved to approve the appointments presented. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Brian Doering of the 478th Engineer Battalion presented an appreciation plaque to the Village for accommodating professional development training for the battalion in the municipal building. Chief Wallace received the plaque on behalf of the Village.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PARKS COMMITTEE

Mr. Doering reported that on January 7, two water lines burst in the municipal building which flooded many parts of the building. A majority of the restoration costs are anticipated to be covered by insurance.

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-05, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into Contract with ServPro for Restoration Work on the Municipal Building. This service was for the initial clean-up response, including water extraction. The cost will not exceed \$19,794. Mrs. Conway seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-06, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with CBS Construction for Restoration Work on the Municipal Building. This work includes drywall repair and will not exceed \$30,800. Seconded by Ms. Wolf, and the motion carried with 1 abstention, Rich Bardach. It was noted that Mr. Bardach did give a name reference to Chief Wallace, however, was not involved any further.

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-07, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Carpetland for Restoration Work on the Municipal Building. This work includes carpet throughout the building along with flooring repairs. The cost will not exceed \$35,500.

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2014-08, Resolution

Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Kramig Insulation for Restoration Work on the Municipal Building. This work includes placing insulation throughout the ceilings and roof areas where the insulation is lacking. This item will not be covered by insurance. The cost will not exceed \$28,000. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance No. 2014-03, Ordinance Establishing Fee for Amberley Green Parking Permit. It was reported that the permits were set to expire and this legislation allows for annual issuance at no cost and continues the requirement to register with the Police Department. Seconded by Ms. Wolf, 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 No. 2014-03 as an emergency measure for the implementation of the new permit system as soon as possible because the permits must be issued for the current year so persons can use the Amberley Green before this ordinance would otherwise take effect. Seconded by Ms. Conway, and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance 2014-04, Ordinance Amending Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014 for the purpose of appropriating funds to comply with the Joint Economic Development Zone agreement. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the motion carried unanimously. The ordinance, in accordance with Village Charter Article IX, Section 1, and Article X, Section 4, shall be passed upon a single reading and shall become effective forthwith upon its adoption.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Muething reported that the committee met January 27 and discussed a new program named "Adopt-a-Tree" which is similar to adopt-a-highway whereby folks can volunteer to perform very minor maintenance on a grove a trees on Amberley Green.

One Stop Drop, the community recycling event, has been set for April 6 from 12-4 p.m. at Amberley Green. Paper shredding and electronic recycling will be among the services available.

Earth Day-Arbor Day in Amberley Village will be recognized on April 22 at 6 p.m. Location is to be determined.

The next Environmental Stewardship Committee will be held on February 20 at 7 p.m. The new time was noted; meetings will no longer start at 7:30 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer reported that the maintenance department has received many compliments from residents this winter for the level of service provided to keep the roads clear. They have responded to 18 snow and ice events this winter season and recorded 43" of snow, 730 tons of salt utilized, 530 man hours and \$57,000 in related costs for snow fighting. In response to the salt shortage this year, the Village was able to borrow salt from Symmes Township and the City of Mason although the borrowed salt will have to be given back once the Village receives salt through its contract. The maintenance department did a phenomenal job snow-fighting this season.

The vacancy within the maintenance department since May 2013 has been filled. Mark Gillespie was hired on with the Village. He has previous government experience with the City of Norwood and private sector. Two police officers were also hired, Brian Baker from the City of Norwood and Ryan Rump from Golf Manor.

The Village's deer management program resulted in 28 deer culled, 18 in French Park and 10 on Amberley Green.

Mr. Doering asked if the Village was at full staff with the new hires. Mr. Lahrmer noted that a vacancy continues in the police dispatch center and the Public Works Supervisor position has not been filled since Mr. Rasfeld retired.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething commented that the Village is fortunate for its geography and its skilled employees. With 2 employees recently assuming leadership roles in their professional associations and salt sharing, it demonstrates the value of the employees having long-term service and relationships in the greater community.

Residents of Amberley are also leaders in the Cincinnati area in many specialties. Council should take advantage of those skillsets among residents. The Amberley Green development is a priority for the council and residents with interest in the property are invited to contact the Village Manager or Council.

Mayor Muething then recognized Merrie Stillpass' recent appointment to Chair of the Hamilton County Planning Commission and congratulated her on this leadership accomplishment.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Conway announced that the next Women's Forum meeting will take place next Tuesday at 7 p.m. Carlie Simon, professor with the University of Cincinnati, will be the guest speaker on the topic of education funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Thomas C. Muething