

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, May 12, 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

Mayor Muething welcomed everyone to the 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 April 10, 2014 regular meeting and the May 1, 2014 special meeting. He 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 March, 2014, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). A summary of this report noted total tax collections for the month of March totaled \$142,926. The total general fund revenue for the month of March was \$293,570 while expenses equaled \$512,032. At the end of March, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2,230,775. The report was accepted as submitted.

STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, & SEWERS COMMITTEE

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2014-13, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Adleta Construction for the 2014 Road Program. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wolf noted that it was her understanding from the recent committee meeting that any contingency funds would be utilized for pedestrian safety improvements. She stated that areas for improvements have been determined with the Chief's assistance. Mayor Muething confirmed that the committee agreed to meet on this item in the future and that the contract with Adleta did not preclude pedestrian improvements.

Mr. Doering reported that the Village inherited the dam problem when it purchased the golf course property. There were three options presented to the committee which either placed the dam in compliance or modified the dam to remove it from the state's jurisdiction. The recommendation was to modify the dam, which is also the most cost efficient of the options. Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2014-14 Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract for Improvements to Amberley Green Dam. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doering announced that Don Marshall with Eagle Energy was present to provide council an update regarding the electric aggregation program.

Mr. Marshall reported that the Village's electric aggregation program with DP&L ends in May. Negotiations took place for a new supplier to be in effect on July 1. During the negotiations, the wholesale electric price increased by 17% and the supplier, Perigee, could not honor the agreement. Residents will return to Duke Energy until a new supplier has been selected. The Village Manager should be authorized by council to have the authority to select a rate due to the volatility of the market. He noted residents, once back with Duke, will likely begin to receive increased solicitations from other suppliers. It is expected that the Village will have a new supplier secured if the market conditions are favorable.

Mr. Doering moved to approve Resolution 2014-17, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Supplier of Electricity to Residents under Aggregation Program. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Warren reiterated that the resolution states that the rate must be less than Duke's Price-to-Compare and that council will be notified when a rate offer is received.

Ms. Conway noted that the Public Outreach Committee will meet to discuss communicating this update to residents.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Muething reported that the committee has not met since the last council meeting. Arbor Day was held on April 22 where a tree was planted and a proclamation presented. A presentation by Scott Beuerlein was held on April 28 that informed attendees about the history of trees and the Taking Root campaign. There may be another presentation in the fall. The next committee meeting will be May 19 at 7 p.m. in the community room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance 2014-08, Ordinance Amending Appropriations related to the JEDZ fund for the Fiscal Year 2014. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lahrmer noted that the appropriations for the JEDZ reflected an initial amount because it was not known how much the JEDZ would generate. After receiving revenues the appropriations needs to be adjusted to a higher amount and could need amended again later in the year.

POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE

Ms. Conway presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2014-15, Proclaiming May 12 – 18, 2014 as National Law Enforcement Memorial Week and May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Warren commented on the police department's efforts to promote safety in the Village over the past year and noted that the upcoming bike safety program will include free bike helmets.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer presented and read Resolution 2014-16, Resolution Requesting the Hamilton County Auditor to Place Lien Against Property for Nuisance Abatement Expenses Incurred by the Village. Mr. Hattenbach moved to approved Resolution 2014-16, seconded by Ms. Wolf and the motion carried with one abstention from Mr. Bardach.

Mr. Lahrmer informed council that with the establishment of the tax incentive last year, the Village needs to appoint two representatives to the Tax Incentive Review Council, which are made by the manager and confirmed by council. Mr. Lahrmer stated he would like Mayor Muething and Mr. Doering appointed. Ms. Conway moved to approve the appointments, seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Muething pointed out that it was desired that members of the Land Development Committee be on the review council as they are involved with initial proposals in that regard.

Mr. Lahrmer announced that the council packet is now available online for residents to access and the staff was pleased to create this improved transparency for the public. The monthly financial reports have also been added online.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething commented that he attended the police memorial and had the honor to stand with Lt. Fryman and Chief Wallace. He commented that the ceremony was beautiful and respectful. We have gotten better at thanking our armed forces and it seems we may not be thankful enough to our police officers who protect us at a local level. He stated it is important to recognize them.

Mayor Muething asked for new business. There was none presented.

RECOGNITION OF LT. KEVIN FRYMAN'S RETIREMENT

Mayor Muething read a letter from Mitzi Miller thanking Lt. Fryman for his service to the Village and his efforts to assist her over the years on many matters.

Chief Wallace reviewed Lt. Fryman's 35-year career and shared highlights of his performance over the years. He specifically noted the accomplishment of Lt. Fryman having achieved accident reconstructionist certification. He congratulated Lt. Fryman on his retirement and a successful career.

Mayor Muething presented a proclamation to Lt. Fryman declaring May 17, 2014, Lt. Kevin Fryman Day in Amberley Village.

Lt. Fryman took a few moments to introduce his daughters and shared departing statements, including that serving the Village has been a privilege.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Thomas C. Muething