

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

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Rick Kay, Treasurer
Ray Warren

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 October 13, 2014 regular meeting and the minutes of the October 30, 2014 special meeting. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Since there were none, Mayor Muething stated that both sets of minutes were approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer presented the September, 2014, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). Mr. Lahrmer reported a summary of this report noted tax collections for the month of September totaled \$123,788. The total general fund revenue for the month of September was \$652,125 while expenses equaled \$285,248. At the end of September, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$3,595,225. The report was accepted as submitted.

CITIZENS TO SPEAK:

Mr. Albert Lane, resident at 7200 Fair Oaks, expressed his desire for the Village to pursue further economic development of the former Gibson property rather than focusing on the North Site and Amberley Green properties. Mr. Lane provided a copy of his comments (attached).

Mr. Ron Regula, resident at 3225 North Whitetree, asked for an update regarding development on the Amberley Green and North Site. He also asked Council to hold public meetings to update the residents on such topics, and requested attachments be included with the agenda that is distributed.

Mayor Muething explained that there is currently no expectation of developing the Amberley Green or North Site in the near future, but the intent is to develop the properties in line with the Long Range Plan. The Village has hosted public meetings in the evening, including the recent September 29 meeting that offered two sessions, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., which provided residents an update on Village-owned property as well as a financial status. He also noted that the council agenda is hyperlinked with attachments and the monthly financial reports are available on the Village website.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. James Lee from the Public Affairs office at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio provided an update on the new rules for door-to-door solicitation by utility suppliers, such as being required to display a photo I.D., limiting solicitation hours between 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., and to undergo background checks prior to certification. He also shared the new consumer designed website energychoice.ohio.gov as a tool to compare suppliers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES & SEWERS COMMITTEE

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2014-30 Resolution Authorizing the Ohio Department of Transportation to Inspect Bridges. He commented the state has offered to conduct inspections at no cost to the Village, which will save approximately \$4,200 annually. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2014-31, authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract to Perform Televising of Storm Water Facilities. He reported that \$30,000 has been allocated for this project in 2014 and a similar amount will be required over the next four years, televising one-fourth of the storm water structures each year. This allows the Village to properly maintain its infrastructure and allow preventative measures to occur. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance 2014-13, Ordinance Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2014. The appropriation of \$12,000 for pedestrian safety measures was set aside as the road program bids came in below the engineer's estimates. The appropriation of \$16,000 enables the Village to acquire salt supplies. While the price is higher than last year at \$78.86 per ton, most communities are locked out of salt supplies at this time or are paying over \$100 per ton. The appropriation of \$10,000 is to revise the distribution method of fire pay from semi-annually to monthly as required by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. The appropriation of \$78,285 is for payroll obligations for the remainder of the year from the Police Levy Fund. The appropriation of \$96,000 is for disbursements which exceeded collection expectations in the Kenwood Southwest JEDZ Agency Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the motion carried unanimously. The roll call showed the following vote:

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

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Muething reported that the committee met with Village Engineer John Eisenmann to review studies and other engineering work completed through the years for the Amberley Green and North Site properties. The purpose of the meeting was to make the committee aware of existing information prior to ordering additional studies. Due to the volume of existing data, the committee deferred from requesting additional studies at this time.

Mayor Muething reported the committee held a second meeting that involved representatives from Towne Properties and Kleiningers. The purpose was to hear ideas from the market for development potential at the Amberley Green. This was another

step to gain clarity on the way forward to possible development at this site. No decisions were made.

Ms. Wolf encouraged residents interested in these properties to sign up for the meeting notices and attend. The information being presented is invaluable. The committee has held eight meetings over the past six months with various market experts.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Muething reported the committee met on October 27 which is the last meeting for 2014. A presentation was made by Brian Wamsley from Hamilton County Development regarding best practices in parking lot design as it relates to water runoff from impervious surfaces.

Mayor Muething reported the Adopt-a-Grove program is ongoing and he encouraged residents to adopt a tree or grove at the Amberley Green to assist with light maintenance. At this time, 15 trees have been adopted.

The One Stop Drop recycling event date for next year has been selected as March 29. The program will again involved electronics recycling and paper shredding. This year kitchen utensils will be accepted by Excel a non-profit that provides housing assistance to those in the Hamilton County Mental Health programs.

The committee will host a winter lecture on February 2. A veterinarian will make a presentation on backyard habitats and wildlife in the Village. Additional details will be released closer to the event date.

There will not be a November or December committee meeting. The next meeting is January 26 at 7 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer informed the Council that the Village's annual code update has been completed and is ready for adoption. Mrs. Conway read and moved to approve Ordinance 2014-14, Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of Amberley Village. Seconded by Mr. Doering. The roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Muething, Wolf	(5)
ABSTAINED: Hattenbach	(1)
NAY:	(0)

Mrs. Conway moved to approve Ordinance 2014-14 as an emergency measure for the necessity of bringing current at the earliest possible time the Village Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach. The roll call showed the following vote:

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

Mr. Lahrmer reported that the dam project at the Amberley Green has been completed. CDS Associates has provided the final analysis of the project and documentation has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to remove the dam from ODNR's jurisdiction. No future change orders are expected.

Mr. Lahrmer reported that aside from the punch list, the street program has been completed and kept under budget.

He commented that leaf collection for residents began on October 15 and will continue through the end of the year. The crew has made 3.5 passes through the Village and is currently in the bulk period of collection, which means the crew will not make it through the Village in one week any longer. The black and white notification signs are being posted to communicate the expected day of collection for each neighborhood.

The Village has acquired 500 tons of salt for the upcoming winter seasons. Some communities have been shut out of salt and the price the Village received was much lower than what other communities had to pay.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething reported that the Village held an initial planning meeting November 10 and started planning for the Village's 75th anniversary that will occur next year. There was discussion about holding a main event in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social in August and other celebrations throughout the year as well as opening the history room weekly at different times for residents to visit. The next meeting will be held on December 1 at 6 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Mayor Muething shared that next month will complete the first year term of the council and he plans to give a review of what the council has accomplished and the priorities for the coming year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hattenbach moved to go into executive session to discuss the performance evaluation of the Village Manager. Seconded by Mr. Doering. The Solicitor, Mr. Frank, commented that the purpose of the executive session was valid as it related to the employment and compensation of the Manager. The roll call showed the following vote:

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

The executive session began at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Hattenbach moved to end the executive session at 8:11 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

In the public session Mrs. Conway moved to adopt the Village Manager appraisal document. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

