

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:30PM. The following roll call was taken:

PRESENT:

Richard Bardach
Peg Conway
Elida Kamine
Ed Hattenbach
Thomas C. Muething
Ray Warren
Natalie Wolf

ALSO PRESENT:

Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Patty Meiers, Acting Clerk
Kevin Frank, Village Solicitor
Chief Richard Wallace, Police/Fire Dept.
Rick Kay, Treasurer

Mayor Muething welcomed everyone to the Amberley Village Council meeting and led all in attendance through the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Muething asked if there were any changes to the May 9, 2016 regular council meeting minutes. There were none and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer presented the April, 2016 Finance Report (copy attached). Mr. Lahrmer focused on the General Fund and noted tax collections for April are up 20% ahead of previous year. April Earnings Tax collections totaled \$843,349. Property Tax received totaled \$665,000 from the Police Levy Fund and the Local Government Fund netted \$4,004. Total revenue for month of April was \$323,398 and expenses were \$448,000 for month.

RECOGNITION OF WAYNE SIGNER

Mayor Muething commended Mr. Signer on his 13 years of service on the Storm Water Advisory Board. Mr. Signer was instrumental in bringing a good business approach to the committee as an Amberley Village resident and business owner. The Mayor presented Mr. Signer with a plaque commemorating his service.

CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Mary Rinsky, 8340 Springvalley Drive, commented her home is not in the direct pipeline route since the route has changed but she still opposes it and encouraged council to assume intervention status emphasizing the vulnerability of police and fire departments if it is built.

Bill Doering, 2600 Willowbrook Drive, was present on behalf of the First Suburbs Consortium of Southwest Ohio. He noted that this organization has plans to be a conduit for suburbs toward intervention of the pipeline issue and sharing costs.

Nancy Bertaux, 3160 Legacy Trace, a Xavier Professor of Economics and Sustainability. Speaking from an economic perspective, feels she moved to a clean, green community and this is not a good answer for our community in the long term and instead is just a temporary fix at best. She encouraged intervention by village.

Kaleel Skeirik, 3160 Legacy Trace, cited 3 homes within sight of his that have geothermal solar panels. This community lives by its standards. This pipeline is inconsistent with the standards and not a positive action.

Jennifer Branch, 8455 Crestdale Court, spent 1.5 years looking for the right house before finding a home in Amberley. Feels pipeline will make Amberley not look as attractive to home buyers. She is a litigating lawyer and suggested opposing and a resolution intervening in the process.

Greg Robinson, 6625 Hudson Parkway, supports filing for intervention. He is an architect at UC. His planning perspective shows a possible explosive factor near police, dispatching, fire station and Hamilton County 911 tower in French Park affecting safety. Challenging engineering issues with proposed pipe pressure with 720 PSI. Risk while operating. Opposes pipeline and encourages intervention.

Colin Driscoll, 6600 Ridge Road, suggests the need to take legal steps to file intervention with Ohio Utilities opposing the pipeline. Two of the three routes proposed come directly through Amberley Village. He cited recent gas explosions in California and Pennsylvania as discussed at the recent meeting in Blue Ash. He urges council to oppose the pipeline and encouraged signs be posted throughout village acknowledging opposition.

State Representative Denise Driehaus, had the pipeline issue brought to her attention by some of the residents in attendance today. She was concerned initial letters outlining pipeline plans went to residents and not to municipalities involved. Ms. Driehaus applauds residents involved in the opposition and their solidarity with other communities. She will carry Amberley Village resolution opposing to the State Citing Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

Vice Mayor Wolf reported the Committee met recently to recommend the village pass a resolution opposing the gas pipeline with 2 routes passing through Amberley Village.

Vice Mayor Wolf made a motion to pass resolution 2016-24 and was seconded by Mr. Warren. Vice Mayor Wolf then read the Resolution in full as suggested by Mr. Warren. Resolution 2016-24 passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on moving toward intervention of pipeline project and any urgency involved. Per Mr. Frank the filing by Duke has not been completed and any intervention by Amberley Village would have to be made within 30 days thereafter. This puts the resolution for intervention of project out two to four months.

Ms. Kamine thanked residents and noted Cincinnati would be passing a resolution tomorrow and Evendale passed one this evening opposing the pipeline.

Mayor Muething thanked all citizens for their input.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach introduced Resolution 2016-22 approving the Tax Budget for 2017 and moved to adopt. Seconded by Vice Mayor Wolf.

Mayor Muething opened the public hearing at 7:15 for any comments concerning the proposed 2017 Tax Budget. No comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:16PM.

Resolution 2016-22 was then unanimously passed.

Per Mr. Hattenbach the finance committee is looking at placing the renewal of police levy on the primary ballot May 2, 2017. The Council will be working over the coming months to determine the level of taxation for this renewal. Also a future demonstration of Open Gov and Open Checkbook will be scheduled.

STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SEWERS COMMITTEE

Mr. Warren discussed the bids received for the storm water pipe repair at the intersection of Section Road and Farm Acres Drive and noted that the Village obtained a grant for project.

Resolution 2016-23 to enter into a contract with Smith Construction to perform repairs was presented and moved by Mr. Warren, and seconded by Vice Mayor Wolf. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway introduced Ordinance 2016-10 as a second reading, regulating model aircrafts on public property. Public comment was then invited. No comments.

Mrs. Conway then moved to waive the third reading and seconded by Mr. Warren. Voted on and passed unanimously.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Richard Bardach	Yes
Peg Conway	Yes
Elida Kamine	Yes
Ed Hattenbach	Yes
Thomas C. Muething	Yes
Ray Warren	Yes
Natalie Wolf	Yes

Motion was then made to adopt Ordinance 2016-10 by Mrs. Conway. Per Mr. Frank it has been suggested by the Police Department to change the penalty from \$100 to \$150 to stay in line with other penalties in the Village code. Mrs. Conway moved and Mr. Warren seconded to amend accordingly. Motion to amend the original motion approved unanimously.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Richard Bardach	Yes
Peg Conway	Yes
Elida Kamine	Yes
Ed Hattenbach	Yes
Thomas C. Muething	Yes
Ray Warren	Yes
Natalie Wolf	Yes

Discussion was then held on how this ordinance came to be and why it is necessary. One item that was noted was that any permission to operate a model aircraft on public property would require the approval of another ordinance and this could be overly burdensome because there could be sound reasons to grant such approval on short notice. Mr. Warren asked Chief Wallace what complaints have been made regarding drones. The complaints and concerns relate to drones over private property and not public property. Mr. Warren commented that this ordinance would not address residents' concerns. Ms. Wolf pointed out that Ordinance 2016-10 was

premised upon there being an “increase in complaints” about drone use at Amberley Green, however inquiry into the number of complaints revealed that there was only one complainant.

Mayor Muething made a motion to amend the ordinance adding Section 1(B) to provide that the Village Manager or the Manager’s designee could grant approval to operate a model aircraft on public lands. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bardach to amend Ordinance 2016-10 accordingly. Motion passed with the following votes.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Richard Bardach	Yes
Peg Conway	Yes
Elida Kamine	Yes
Ed Hattenbach	Yes
Thomas C. Muething	Yes
Ray Warren	No
Natalie Wolf	Yes

Motion was then made by Mrs. Conway and seconded by Mr. Hattenbach to adopt Ordinance 2016-10 as twice amended. Roll call vote was taken and ordinance passed with the following votes.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Richard Bardach	Yes
Peg Conway	Yes
Elida Kamine	Yes
Ed Hattenbach	Yes
Thomas C. Muething	Yes
Ray Warren	No
Natalie Wolf	No

Mrs. Conway also reported the process is underway to get quotes on replacing the salt barn and more information will follow in coming weeks.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Ms. Kamine reported the committee met in May with Horan to review the employee health care and dental plans and its renewal for the coming year. Resolution 2016-25, renewing health and dental care for employees was presented by Ms. Kamine and seconded by Mrs. Conway for adoption. Motion to approve the resolution carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Muething reported two meetings were held in the past month. The first was with Hamilton County concerning the Reading Road corridor. At an informational session some ideas were talked about to get that section revitalized and what the rebuilding of Gibson property could do for that area.

The second meeting was to discuss the traffic study of North Site. This study confirmed traffic is at capacity now. Options to increase capacity included changes to the traffic light or left turn lanes. It was agreed that capacity increases at this intersection will be very difficult.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer reported that staff is working with the Port Authority as they complete closing on former Gibson property. The Port Authority will seek to rezone the portion of the property along

Section Road. There are eight acres currently zoned residential and the Port Authority wants to have the entire property zoned the same. There are also plans to make changes to the storm water plan for the property. Meetings on this are upcoming. There is at least one paper street that crosses the property that will need to be vacated by the Village.

Second, Mr. Lahrmer commended the village fire department for team work helping a woman in French Park. She fell in the creek and broke her ankle and had to be hand carried out.

The last report was on public information meetings held at the JCC on June 2nd. The meetings were recorded and are available for viewing on our website.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Wallace shared that the two recent Public Information Meetings were recorded and posted on the website. The meeting videos have received a total of 93 views. He has met with some residents of Elbrook Avenue concerning pedestrian safety and sidewalks.

Our Fire Department has completed in-house training and in-service training.

This time of year car break-ins have escalated so let the police department know if someone has gotten into your vehicle or you see suspicious activity.

Officers are now trained and carry Narcan for possible drug overdose victims.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething presented Ordinance 2016-11 Amending Village Code 33.05 Pertaining to the Environmental Stewardship Committee. This ordinance would make the following changes:

1. Change the name of the Committee to Environmental Stewardship from Beautification.
2. Revise the objectives, powers and duties section of the code to be consistent with the current activities of the Committee.
3. Revise the number of members for the Committee from nine to a minimum of seven and a maximum of twelve.
4. Change the membership of the Committee to eliminate the requirement that one member of the Committee be an employee from the Maintenance Department.
5. Provide that up to two of the members of the Committee can be residents of neighboring communities as long as the neighboring community shares a border with Amberley.

This completed the first reading of Ordinance 2016-11.

Next Environmental Stewardship meeting July 25, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Wolf announced Pleasant Ridge Montessori is looking for more volunteers to donate small amounts of time for student enrichment and tutoring. It's a good way to get involved.

Per Ms. Kamine PRM was awarded honors by the State Board of Education.

Ms. Kamine also recognized Mayor Muething for his endorsement of Mayors United Against Anti-Semitism as featured in The Wall Street Journal.

No further business and meeting adjourned.

Patty Meiers, Acting Clerk

Mayor Thomas C. Muething