

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Muething called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicole Browder, Clerk
Kevin Frank, Village Solicitor
Rick Kay, Treasurer
Sgt. Tim Schmidtgoessling

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

Mayor Muething observed a moment of silence for all those who lost their lives due to recent events. He encouraged everyone to pray for the continued safety of law enforcement across the country.

MINUTES

Mayor Muething stated that some changes were requested by the Vice Mayor and Mr. Warren to the minutes of the July 11, 2016, regular meeting which were circulated to Council. Mayor Muething asked if there were any additional changes to the minutes as distributed. There being none, he stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

While Village Manager Scot Lahrmer was on vacation for this meeting, Finance Chair Ed Hattenbach presented the May, 2016, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached hereto). Mr. Hattenbach reported a summary of this report and noted tax collections for the month of May totaled \$150,205. The total General Fund Revenue for the month of May was \$235,928 while expenses equaled \$220,891. At the end of May, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$4.5 million. The report was accepted as submitted.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & PARKS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway reported that the committee met on June 21 to discuss refurbishing the fire house floors. She noted this has been reviewed for over a year and the issues with the floor are related to aging, slipperiness, and overall appearance. She reported that staff has reviewed several options that included stripping and repainting or only repainting. The cost of the options ranged from \$17,000-\$20,000 which prompted another option, which was to seal the concrete floors.

To repair cracks, polish and seal the concrete flooring it would cost \$14,872. This would cover the main area of the firehouse, excluding adjacent rooms and areas which was estimated at an additional \$7,221. The committee recommended proceeding with the initial flooring repair, polish and seal of the concrete floors in the amount of \$14,872, and did not approve the

additional areas at this time. It was noted that \$12,000 had been set aside in the capital fund for this repair. Mrs. Conway moved to approve Resolution 2016-26, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract with Cincinnati Concrete Polishing for Firehouse Floor Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE-FIRE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway reported that the committee met on June 22 to consider the purchase of two license plate readers. She stated the police department has gained advanced information on traffic stops with the license plate readers as well as apprehended suspects with this tool. There was \$36,000 budgeted for this purchase, however, the department did pursue grant dollars in an effort to avoid this expenditure. The grant effort was not successful and now the department is requesting the purchase through budgeted funds in the amount of \$39,260. Mrs. Conway moved to approve Resolution 2016-27, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract to Purchase License Plate Readers. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach reported that the committee met with Joy Pierson of Hamilton County on June 21 to discuss the Village's participation in the Community Development Block Grant program. The program was being reviewed for its potential grant funding for projects such as asbestos abatement and/or demolition of the former clubhouse on the Amberley Green property. The benefit of the program is the potential for grant dollars for certain projects and funding for low income housing grants for people with home repair needs. This resolution would be in effect for three years and the grant cycle would begin in early 2017. Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve Resolution 2016-28, A Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into an Agreement of Cooperation with Hamilton County, Ohio Pursuant to Provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the motion carried unanimously following discussion as noted below.

Ms. Wolf inquired as to when the discussion regarding demolition or asbestos removal at the former clubhouse occurred and whether that was being pursued through grant funding. Mayor Muething explained that the Village Manager at Council's direction has continued to pursue grant opportunities and this was an option to which the Village had not been engaged previously. He noted that 37 communities of 48 in the county participate to gain funding for community projects and benefit residents who have difficulty affording repairs to their homes.

Ms. Joy Pierson from the Hamilton County Urban Housing and Development (HUD) shared with council that HUD requires the participating jurisdictions to express a desire to participate by July 22 which would allow the Village to become eligible to apply for potential grant opportunities.

Ms. Pierson commented that types of projects may include accessibility improvements to public buildings, assisting with building repairs that help youth and seniors, economic development opportunities, and, for example, the demolition of the former Gibson Greetings Card building would have qualified for grant funding under this program had the Village been a participating member. She also noted that ten percent of the households in Amberley Village would qualify to utilize the program funds.

Mrs. Conway commented that the Finance Committee was putting forth the opportunity to participate should the Village go in the direction of addressing the former clubhouse building. She also noted interest around the option to help seniors with property maintenance issues.

Ms. Pierson also shared that in late August application materials would be sent to participating communities. The process for approval includes two public hearings—one to talk about potential projects and the latter to discuss the specific project to be submitted for application. She then noted that historic preservation is also another eligible expense.

Mr. Warren inquired as to the process to determine who receives the grants. Ms. Pierson explained that the funds total \$3 million and half goes to county-wide projects while the other half goes to the communities applying for projects.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Sgt. Schmidtgoessling stated there was no report for the department.

Mrs. Conway asked what time the Bike Safety Fair was occurring on Sunday, July 17. Sgt. Schmidtgoessling confirmed it would be held from noon-3 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Muething presented and conducted the second reading of Ordinance 2016-11, Ordinance 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.

Mr. Muething moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance 2016-11. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

Mr. Muething moved to approve Ordinance 2016-11. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

Mayor Muething announced that the Village has received an application to re-zone the property at 2100 Section Road as expected after the purchase of the former Gibson property by the Port Authority. The request is to re-zone the south 17 acres from Residence A to Industrial A and re-zone the Residence B area which represents 4.6 acres (hillside in the front of the property) to Industrial A. Mayor Muething moved to refer the application to the Planning Commission for consideration and public hearing. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Muething also mentioned the following upcoming meetings and events:

- The next Environmental Stewardship Committee (ESC) is set for July 25 at 7 p.m. in the community room.
- The Adopt-a-Grove program is a program where the ESC supports volunteers to meet at the Amberley Green to perform light maintenance on the property and preserve mature trees. The next volunteer night is July 21 at 6:30 p.m., meet in the parking lot of the Amberley Green. Bring gloves, light tools and wear long pants and sleeves.
- A meeting for elected officials to attend regarding the proposed gas pipeline will be held on July 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sharonville Convention Center. Once details are received that information will be posted on the website.
- Wednesday July 20 there will be two informational meetings for residents near the redevelopment project at 2100 Section Road. Those residents may attend the 5:30 p.m. session in the community room at the municipal building, or the 7 p.m. session at Congregation Zichron Eliezer (CZE) located at 2455 Section Road.
- The annual Ice Cream Social will be held Sunday, August 7 from 6-8 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Conway requested additional information be posted to the Village website regarding the proposed gas pipeline to include links to the ordinance passed by the Village and the letter sent by Mayor Muething opposing the project, and a link to the NOPE website.

Ms. Kamine thanked the police department for their services and stated that we have the best police department in town.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Thomas C. Muething