

PASSED: February 13, 2012  
BY: Byar

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-28

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BALANCED BUDGET AND IN SUPPORT OF  
ISSUE 3 APPROVING A SPECIAL POLICE LEVY

WHEREAS, Amberley Village is a wonderful community with beautiful homes, well-maintained properties, high property values, and a strong sense of safety and security;

WHEREAS, these benefits enjoyed by all residents are due in no small part to one of the best police forces in the State of Ohio, one which persistently wins awards for its exemplary service and superior community relations;

WHEREAS, despite efforts by the Village to cut expenses, the Village still operates in an annual budget deficit; this deficit has been made worse due to the significant erosion of the Village's revenue caused by the State and local cuts, particularly an elimination of the estate tax, a 50% reduction in money the Village receives from the Local Government Fund, and a significant reduction in property values and property taxes paid to the Village;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that further expenditure reductions are necessary to balance the Village budget;

WHEREAS, the Village Charter provides a maximum of seven mills that may be levied against real property, which was approved by Village residents in 1955 and which has not been increased since that time;

WHEREAS, the Police Department consumes nearly 50% of the Village budget but has no funding source other than the General Fund;

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the quality public safety services, residents will consider a ten (10) mill levy to support the operations of the Amberley Village Police Department at the March 6, 2012 primary election;

WHEREAS, funds from the special levy will be restricted to police services and operations as dictated by state law, and is scheduled to expire after five years;

WHEREAS, Council determines it is essential and absolutely necessary to approve the special police levy in order to avoid cuts in police services and other critical Village services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF AMBERLEY VILLAGE, STATE OF OHIO, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: The Amberley Village Council hereby supports a YES vote on Issue 3 approving a 10-mill special police levy at the March 6, 2012 election, and encourages Village residents to do the same.

SECTION 2: The Amberley Village Council determines that it shall be a goal of the Village to achieve a balanced budget each fiscal year. In furtherance of that goal, Council shall use its best efforts to authorize an annual expenditure of Village funds that in its judgment will, over time, achieve a sustainable ongoing balanced budget by assigning a specific dollar limit for the budget, and, further, Council hereby directs the Village Manager to formulate a budget not to exceed the financial limits set by Council.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest date allowed by law.

Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

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Mayor J.K. Byar

Attest:

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: Byar Second: Hattenbach

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2012, the forgoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designed by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council