

**Amberley Village Council  
Police/Fire Committee – Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2016**

In attendance: Peg Conway (committee chair), Natalie Wolf (committee), Ed Hattenbach, Tom Muething, Rich Bardach (committee), PO Chris Fritsch, Scot Lahrmer, Bill Doering, Tony Chesney, Chief Rich Wallace, PO Mark Roeseler

Prior Minutes

Natalie Wolf moved, seconded by Rich Bardach, to accept the minutes from the November 9, 2015, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and fill station/compressor

Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment is the most important personal protective gear used by firefighters. Officer Fritsch explained that the present system used by the Village dates from 1999, no longer meets current safety standards and is beyond its useful life. Just as critical for fire safety is the compressor and bottle fill station used to fill the SCBAs. The village's current system is 30 years old and does not include critical features such as a built-in carbon monoxide alarm or an enclosed area for filling the bottles. In 2015 the Village successfully applied for a reimbursing grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update this equipment. The Village has now bid out the purchase and received a bid from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment in the amount of \$130,070 for the SCBAs and \$42,500 for the fill station/compressor, for a total amount of \$172, 570.

Rich Bardach moved to recommend that Council authorize the purchase of this equipment, seconded by Natalie Wolf, and the motion passed unanimously. Staff was congratulated and thanked for their efforts at saving money for the Village by obtaining grants.

Replacement Police Cruisers

Continuing the practice of regular rotation of police vehicles to maximize their life span, Officer Roeseler presented the Police Department's request to purchase two new vehicles and remove a total of four vehicles from service. All four have between 70,000 and 102,000 miles and the replacements will reduce repair costs. The Chief explained that the department plans to sell them and anticipates receiving a total of \$10,000 to \$16,000 (trade in would bring only \$1,000 to \$1,500 per car). The proposed new vehicles are 2016 Ford Utility Police Interceptor cruisers with all-wheel drive and Advancetrac technology that maintains control during turns. The State contract has been awarded to Statewide Ford. The price for one 2016 Ford Utility Interceptor is \$27,677.50 and the total for two is \$55,355. Delivery is anticipated in the spring.

Rich Bardach moved to recommend that two police cruisers be purchased and four sold, seconded by Natalie Wolf, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.