

**Amberley Village Council – Police-Fire Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 30, 2018**

Present: Peg Conway (chair), Natalie Wolf (committee), Officer Chris Fritsch, Tom Muething, Ed Hattenbach, Scot Lahrmer, Rich Bardach (committee), Chief Rich Wallace

Prior minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting on September 17 were accepted as submitted.

Purchase of fire gloves, hoods and washer

The village sought and received a grant from the Bureau of Workers Compensation to replace fire gloves, hoods and the washing machine used by the fire department. The grant amount is \$10,675 and the Village must match \$2135. Natalie Wolf moved to recommend the purchase, and the motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of exhaust system for fire house

The village sought and received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase an exhaust system for the fire house to remove all diesel exhaust from vehicles. FEMA grants are highly competitive and this is the third one Amberley has received. A video was shown to demonstrate the operation of the system. As required by FEMA, two vendor quotes were obtained and thoroughly reviewed. A grant of \$42,542 has been awarded to purchase the system from Hastings Air and Energy Control, which includes delivery, installation, extended warranty, spare parts and freight. Natalie Wolf moved to recommend the purchase, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mitigation plan

Every five years Hamilton County prepares a mitigation plan in consultation with local jurisdictions to anticipate hazards that could occur and to identify strategies to deal with them. Natalie Wolf moved to recommend adoption of the plan, and the motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of voice recorder

The current recording device used in dispatch is 14 years old and is not compatible with the new phone system. Dispatchers need access to recordings to instantly playback calls and radio traffic which the current system does not support. Staff obtained estimates and recommends the purchase of a REVCORD voice recorder system from Stephen Campbell Associates for a cost of \$9,739. The purchase would be made from the village's PSAP 911 Fund. Natalie Wolf moved to recommend the purchase, and the motion carried unanimously.

Department update

The Chief provided the following updates on department activity:

- AVA: So far 47 households have signed up for the new alarm monitoring system, most of them new participants. In early 2019, they plan to roll it out again, including with the Total Connect app option for additional cost.

- Distracted driving law: House Bill 95 recently passed the in the state house, allowing law enforcement to cite people for distracted driving. The Chief will be requesting that the Law Committee take up the matter. The police department also is planning some educational events on safe driving with simulations and a series of newsletter articles.
- Ohio Collaborative: Participation in the Ohio Collaborative replaces the previous accreditation process. Most recently the department received final certification on use of force, recruitment and hiring; and community engagement and telecommunicator training. An officer on light duty is currently working on the new procedure manual, with completion anticipated by the end of the year.
- The department added details at Jewish institutions last weekend after the Pittsburgh bombing and provided significant support to Jewish organizations, in particular at the vigil held at the JCC on Sunday evening, and received many kudos for their presence and attentiveness. More ongoing details have been requested on weekends at Jewish institutions.
- 911: Meetings continue with Hamilton County about the village's planned transition of 911 service. A separate phone has been installed in dispatch only for 911 use. Chief wants to make the shift by the end of November.

Officer Fritsch reported that two more FEMA grant applications have been filed, one for a truck (\$260,000) and another for turnout gear replacement (\$50,000).