

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Muething called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

PRESENT:

Richard Bardach
Peg Conway
Bill Doering
Ed Hattenbach
Thomas C. Muething
Ray Warren

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin Frank, Village Solicitor
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council
Chief Rich Wallace, Police/Fire
Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

ABSENT:

Rick Kay, Treasurer
Natalie Wolf

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

MINUTES

Mayor Muething presented the minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular meeting. He asked if there were any corrections or additions. Since there were none, Mayor Muething stated that the minutes were approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer presented the March, 2015, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached hereto). Mr. Lahrmer reported a summary of this report and noted tax collections for the month of March totaled \$81,591. The total general fund revenue for the month of March was \$109,403 while expenses equaled \$386,784. At the end of March, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2,952,213. The report was accepted as submitted.

CITIZENS TO SPEAK:

Nimet Jeruzalmi, 8500 Lynnehaven Drive, Topic: Storm Water Utility

Mrs. Jeruzalmi provided a brief history of the creation of the storm water utility, her service as a board member on the storm water utility board, and the success of the program to date. She noted that \$4 million has been spent to-date for maintenance and repairs of flooding issues. She expressed her concern that a 40% reduction was too high and urged council to consider a 20-25% reduction in the fee. She promoted having a reserve and stated other residents she polled agreed.

Jim Rulli, 6815 Beechlands, Topic: Village's 75th Anniversary

Mr. Rulli gave an update regarding the celebration plans for the Village's 75th Anniversary. He noted that he is serving on the committee along with Kathie Kraemer, Peg Conway, Stacey Lefton, Nancy Raeisi, and Patty Rulli. A communication will be prepared for the website and an e-blast will announce the commemorative mural and how residents can participate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAW COMMITTEE

Mr. Bardach presented and conducted the third reading of Ordinance 2015-3, Ordinance for the Disposition of Real Property and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Ms. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Bardach, Conway, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren (6)
NAY: (0)

STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES & SEWERS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Doering presented and conducted the second reading of Ordinance 2015-6, Ordinance Authorizing Modification of Storm Water Rates. Mr. Doering responded to Mrs. Jeruzalmi's concerns and stated that he believed that with the cancellation of the major projects in the Willowbrook area, the 40% reduction is in line with the fund's financial needs at this time and can be changed in the future as necessary.

Mr. Doering presented and moved to approve Resolution 2015-12, Resolution Proclaiming the Week of May 17-23, 2015 at National Public Works Week. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Doering recognized the maintenance department employees' skill level and dedication to the Village. Mayor Muething stated that the department has impressive creativity and ingenuity to develop solutions and good relationships with the residents.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve Ordinance 2015-7, Ordinance Amending Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2015. Seconded by Mr. Doering and the motion carried unanimously. He commented that this action would allow for the Village's 75th Anniversary Celebration to budget approximately up to \$20,000, a portion of which will be raised and donated back to the Village. The expenditures will support the day's activities such as food, supplies, and the mural. Mr. Warren noted that it is anticipated that fundraising will cover half of the amount to be spent.

Mr. Hattenbach also reported that the Village received its audit report for the Ohio Police/Fire Pension Fund which affirmed all procedures and standards are being followed.

POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2015-13, Resolution Proclaiming the Week of May 11-17, 2015 as National Law Enforcement Memorial Week and May 1, 2015 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Conway noted that she and Mayor Muething attended the event and Sgt. Koenig was also a part of the local ceremony. She shared that the Cincinnati Police Chief's comments on the importance of community relations were very resonating with her.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer reported that the maintenance department recently, as part of an effort to continue collaboration with other communities, auctioned obsolete equipment on the Hamilton County's auction website. The sale of equipment such as mowers, weed eaters, and leaf blowers yielded approximately \$7,000 for the Village.

Mr. Lahrmer provided an update regarding personnel. The Village hired the last replacement maintenance worker. David Stone began working for the Village on April 27. All budgeted positions are now filled. Mr. Lahrmer reported that the police department has hired Delarisco Sumler as a replacement officer. He previously worked for the Lockland Police Department for the last six years. All new hires will attend fire training school together beginning June 1.

Mr. Lahrmer announced the Bike Safety Fair will be on Sunday, May 31 from noon until 3 p.m. in the firehouse. He encouraged residents to bring their kids and bikes to receive safety training, helmet fittings, drive an obstacle course and hear about bike safety information for kids and parents.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething reported that the Environmental Stewardship Committee last met on April 27 and worked on the enhancement tool for the Hamilton County Public Health WeThrive! program. Education events related to water quality will be a part of the enhancement tool program as well as storm water and rain barrels. Residents will have the opportunity to attend the session on rain barrels June 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the community room.

Mayor Muething shared the final report for the One Stop Drop event. He stated it was the Village's third recycling event and 22.4 tons were collected in the form of paper and electronics, which was slightly up over 2014. There was a 5 ton increase in paper and 3 ton decrease in electronics.

Mayor Muething noted that at the Village's Arbor Day celebration this year a Silver Linden tree was planted near the tennis court area.

Mayor Muething announced that Wendy VanBuren from the State of Ohio's Department of Natural Resources will attend upcoming council meeting to present the Village's Tree City USA and Growth Award achieved this year.

The next Environmental Stewardship Committee will be June 15 at 7 p.m. in the community room.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Thomas C. Muething