

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, July 13, 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  
Natalie Wolf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Rayan Coutinho, Village Solicitor  
Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council  
Chief Rich Wallace, Police/Fire  
Rick Kay, Treasurer

**ABSENT:**

Kevin Frank, Solicitor  
Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager  
Ray Warren, Council Member

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 June 8, 2015 regular meeting. Mayor Muething asked if there were any other additions or corrections. There being none, the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Council Member and Finance Committee Chair Ed Hattenbach presented the May, 2015, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached hereto) since Village Manager Scot Lahrmer was on vacation. Mr. Hattenbach reported a summary of this report and noted tax collections for the month of May totaled \$213,078. The total general fund revenue for the month of May was \$419,606 while expenses equaled \$228,506. At the end of May, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$4,086,593. The report was accepted as submitted.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Ms. Jennifer Eisemeier, Executive Director of the Millcreek Watershed Council thanked the Mayor and Village Council for signing the agreement to support their organization. The Council was presented with a framed signed agreement. Ms. Eisemeier welcomed the opportunity to partner with the Village on storm or street restoration projects when applicable.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Wallace reported that fatalities of law enforcement officers are up 29%. He stated that in June there were 9 law enforcement fatalities nationwide.

Chief Wallace then recognized Rabbi Kalmanson and presented him with a gold excellence coin. The Chief commented that Rabbi Kalmanson has represented Amberley's Police Department as well as other communities for over 20 years. Rabbi Kalmanson was involved with making the death notification for the late Officer Kim of the Cincinnati Police Department and continued to provide support throughout the tragedy. The Chief stated that Rabbi Kalmanson goes over and above by attending numerous community meetings, talking with

prison inmates, talking with children at schools, getting involved with training opportunities, and providing insight from a cultural perspective to assist the police department in understanding its residents. Rabbi Kalmanson and the chaplains throughout the county are a great support to law enforcement and should be recognized.

Rabbi Kalmanson commented that it is an honor and privilege to represent Amberley Village. He stated that he has a very good working relationship with Chief Wallace who goes above and beyond for the Village. Rabbi Kalmanson stated that the Chief has learned about Jewish customs in order to be accommodating to religious groups in the Village. He thanked the Chief for this recognition.

Mayor Muething, on behalf of council, thanked Rabbi Kalmanson for all that he does for the Village.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hattenbach reported that the Village has received its audit report for the years ending 2012-2013 which was performed by personnel from the State of Ohio. The audit review reflected favorably for the Village.

### **LAND DEVELOPMENT**

Mayor Muething reported that the committee met two times since the last council meeting. He stated that there have been a few offers for the North Site which were reviewed by the committee. The first offer involved construction of an indoor athletic facility. He noted the committee felt this offer in value was not revenue generating upfront or ongoing. Mayor Muething reported the other offer being considered included some construction of office buildings at the old swim club portion of the property.

He stated that upon the Manager's return, the Village will distribute a request for letters of interest. This will serve as a formal process for reviewing parties interested in the North Site. The responses will be reviewed by the committee and then reported to council.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Muething reported that the Tax Incentive Review Council had its annual meeting. He noted that he and Bill Doering serve on the review council. The Mayor commented that there has been a lot of press about tax incentives not resulting in the committed development. He stated that he was happy to report that Topicz has not only met, but has exceeded everything in their tax incentive agreement. The Mayor stated other agencies present at the meeting were impressed with Topicz as well.

Mayor Muething reported that the Environmental Stewardship Committee recently held a rain barrel seminar with speaker Aleeyah Nurredin, a senior with Mt Notre Dame. Over 45 attended and 12 participant names were drawn to receive rain barrels. Ms. Nurredin, after the seminar, was able to obtain a second grant for additional rain barrels for those who expressed interest in receiving a rain barrel at the seminar.

Mayor Muething reported that the Environmental Stewardship Committee has scheduled Adopt-a-Grove for Thursday, July 16 at 6 p.m. The group will meet at the municipal building to perform light maintenance on the grounds in preparation for the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

The next meeting of the Environmental Stewardship Committee will be July 27 at 7 p.m. in the community room.

Mayor Muething reported that work on the anniversary mural is underway. He also shared that additional volunteers are needed for the event. Donations have been sought to help offset costs of the anniversary event and the donations goal has almost been met. He noted that this reflects positively on how residents feel about the Village.

Vice Mayor Wolf commented that she recently saw the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary mural drawing and talked with the artist Cedric Cox. She stated her appreciation for the volunteer involvement and the uniqueness of the mural. She noted that it is a symbol to recognize that Amberley appreciates art and the many artists that live in the Village. She shared that her husband Scott Wolf's late mother Paula Wolf was an artist that also lived in the Village.

Mrs. Conway reported that there have been many parade entrants, and all are welcome to enter especially those residents that have been in the Village 50 years and longer.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Mayor Wolf reported that Amberley now has an app available for iPhone that can be downloaded today. The Android version will be available very soon. She commented that it is easy to use and read, and includes phone numbers that you can click to call administration or public safety. Comments can also be submitted and taxes can be paid through the app. She also noted that Facebook and Twitter social media accounts have also been activated for the Village.

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

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

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Mayor Thomas C. Muething