

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Muething called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ALSO PRESENT:</u>
Richard Bardach	Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager
Peg Conway	Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council
Bill Doering	Rayan Coutinho, Esq. (on behalf of Village Solicitor Frank)
Ed Hattenbach	Chief Rich Wallace, Police/Fire Department
Thomas C. Muething	
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 October 12, 2015 regular meeting. Mayor Muething asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes as distributed. There being none, he stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

Village Manager Scot Lahrmer presented the September, 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 September totaled \$120,272. The total general fund revenue for the month of September was \$234,569 while expenses equaled \$254,701. At the end of September, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$4,347,982. The report was accepted as submitted.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT

Mayor Muething recognized Tom Karr with the Maintenance-Fire Department for his 25 years of service to Amberley Village. Mr. Karr's family members were also present in the audience. He was presented with a service plaque, a letter from the Environmental Stewardship Committee for his contributions, as well as a presentation from the Village Manager, Scot Lahrmer, thanking Mr. Karr for his service and dedication to the community.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach conducted the third reading of Ordinance 2015-12, Ordinance to Add Chapter 101, and Amend Section 93.04 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances Regarding

Municipal Income Tax. Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve Ordinance 2015-12. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES & SEWERS COMMITTEE

Mr. Doering presented, read and moved to approve Resolution 2015-25, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Contract to Perform Televising of Storm Water Facilities. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Ms. Wolf reported that the committee met in accordance with a resolution passed in 2012 to meet at least once per year to discuss deer management. The committee discussed the program and determined to continue collecting data with a deer count planned for 2016 (to be performed every 3 years). No other action was recommended.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee met to follow-up on the 75th Anniversary survey data and gauge public opinion at the event. The results were minimal. The committee recommended the village continue community events, such as the ice cream social.

The committee also discussed the frequency of the village's print newsletter and whether to mail the newsletter quarterly or twice per year, the latter of which is the current method. Ms. Wolf commented that with advice from the Village Manager, the efforts will continue to focus on technology to reach residents such as promoting the mobile app and social media, and will continue a mailed newsletter twice per year.

POLICE-FIRE COMMITTEE

Ms. Conway reported that the committee met to receive an update on budget requests for the police-fire departments from the Chief. She noted it was helpful to conduct this preliminary review in advance of the final budget presentation with the Finance Committee.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mayor Muething reported the committee met five times over the past month. He stated meetings were held with entities that submitted a letter of interest for the Amberley Green property. He stated the committee will meet again next week to discuss the next step in the process. He noted the Village's long range plan for the property would guide development and discussions with residents will occur moving forward.

Mayor Muething reported that the North Site agreement previously approved has moved into the due diligence phase. He stated as part of that process, there are three parcels within the North Site property (total of ½ acre) that show ownership with Hamilton County. To clear the title on the property and move forward to the sale, the County has responded and will sell the parcels for book value for a total of \$18,720.

Mayor Muething moved to waive the three readings of Ordinance 2015-14, Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Village Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Real Property from Hamilton County. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

Mayor Muething moved to approve Ordinance 2015-14, Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Village Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Real Property from Hamilton County. Seconded by Ms. Wolf and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

Mayor Muething moved to declare Ordinance 2015-14 be passed by emergency measure for the reason that time is of the essence to purchase the property from the County in order to assemble parcels with other property owned by the Village to facilitate a sale to a third party. Seconded by Mrs. Conway and the roll call showed the following vote:

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

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway gave the report on behalf of Mr. Warren as he was out of town. Mrs. Conway reported that the committee met to discuss the annual offering of a holiday gift card to employees. The committee unanimously recommended the continuation of the \$250 gift card, as in past years, with the option of receiving the amount in cash. Mrs. Conway moved to approve the committee's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer reported that leaf collection began on October 19. He stated the equipment has broken down multiple times and the most important thing he wanted residents to know was that their leaves will be picked up. He stated the black and white advisory signs posted in neighborhoods will provide advance notice when the crew will be in the area. The leaf collection service will continue through December 31.

Mr. Lahrmer reported that Hamilton County has initiated planning and development for the Reading Road Corridor. He commented that Village staff will be participating in the process. He noted the Village has two businesses on Sunnybrook Drive which are located within this corridor. There will be a World Town Planning Day Charette that encourages young planners to provide input on how to transform the area.

Mr. Lahrmer commended the Police Department for handling a missing persons report last month. He stated that the Village located the individual within 5 hours of the report and after significant research. A commendation was given to the employees and Chief for their exemplary performance.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Wallace reported that in response to comments on the Nextdoor website, a review of the traffic flow on Ridge and Galbraith was conducted in regards to the volume of traffic. He commented that there have been a number of accidents on I-71 and I-75 which have caused an increase in traffic on the Village's roadways. He stated that while construction continues on the interstates, our streets will be an option for motorists avoiding the highway.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething provided the following report for the Environmental Stewardship Committee:

- The creek walk was held in French Park where over 50 people attended. He noted it was the most successful program in five years. Experts from the county, city parks and Mill Creek guided the tour.
- The date for the One Stop Drop recycling event has been selected—April 10. Electronics and paper shredding will be accepted and possibly one other recyclable which has yet to be determined.
- The last meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday, November 11 in the community room at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mayor Muething reported that a special meeting of council will be held on November 24 for the manager's appraisal and may go into executive session.

Mayor Muething commented that all seven members of council were re-elected and the swearing-in will be December 1. The announcement will be shared with council and residents.

Mayor Muething stated that last year he provided an annual review of accomplishments and discussed priorities for the upcoming year. He stated that report will occur at the January meeting. The December meeting will cover the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Wolf shared a recycling event hosted by the City of Cincinnati and St. Vincent DePaul to occur on November 14 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Save-a-Lot on Seymour Avenue. The acceptable items include socks, shirts, sheets, towels, and plastic bags.

Mr. Doering commented on the recent passing of resident Albert Lane. He stated Mr. Lane moved to the Village in 1975 in the Brookwood subdivision. Mr. Doering shared

several recollections of Mr. Lane and commented that the Village lost a talented and good man whose heart was always in the Village.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Thomas C. Muething