

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011, at 7:30 P.M. Mayor Merrie Stillpass called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ALSO PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>
Jon Chaiken	Bernie Boraten, Village Manager	Leslie McIntosh
Fran Cohen	Kevin Frank, Village Solicitor	
Peg Conway	Chief Monahan, Police/Fire	
Ed Hattenbach	Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council	
Louis Katz	Rick Kay, Village Treasurer	
Merrie Stillpass		

Mayor Merrie Stillpass welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amberley Village Council, and led those in attendance through the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Stillpass presented the minutes of the February 14, 2011, regular meeting and asked if there were any corrections or additions. There being none, Mayor Stillpass stated that the minutes stand approved as distributed.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Boraten presented the February, 2011, Finance Report (copy attached). Mayor Stillpass asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Chaiken noted that the stormwater fund revenue seemed lower than typical for the quarter. Mr. Boraten stated he would check into the reasoning for that, which could be related to delinquencies. There was a brief discussion regarding the available rates for instruments. There being no additional questions or comments, Mayor Stillpass announced that the finance report would be filed as received.

PRESENTATIONS

Katie Burroughs and Shayne Byer, Co-Presidents of Pleasant Ridge Montessori PTO, shared detailed information regarding the new partnership and contract that Pleasant Ridge Montessori has formed with Xavier University. Ms. Burroughs commented that the goal among the two entities is to create a curriculum that will serve as an instructional model nationally. She pointed out that although test scores are a challenge, the children are making great strides and improvement, for instance, with reading skills. The test scores will allow for insight as to what skill set should be the area of focus for tutoring the children. She also commented that the long-term, five-year program targets are being met.

Ms. Byer expressed that she felt the school has brought about a greater sense of community. She went on to share her story about how she decided to choose Amberley

as her home and send her children to Pleasant Ridge. She stated she felt that the school has brought families together in a number of ways and encourages other families to send their children to Pleasant Ridge too.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FUND #250 CONTINGENT FUND AS THE EMPLOYEE SEVERANCE PAYMENT FUND, AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THIS FUND. Seconded by Mr. Katz. Mr. Chaiken commented that the creation of this fund was necessary to transact liabilities that the Village has had on the books in accordance with state auditor requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05, ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011. Seconded by Mr. Chaiken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve the Ordinance passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Katz and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Stillpass, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, Hattenbach, Katz	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: McIntosh	(1)

Mr. Hattenbach presented, read and moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04, ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011. Seconded by Mr. Katz and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve the Ordinance passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Katz and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Stillpass, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, Hattenbach, Katz	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: McIntosh	(1)

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Chaiken reported that the Long Range Planning Committee held a public meeting on March 2nd where the committee shared a presentation with the community regarding the long range plan for the Amberley Green and North Site properties. The public comment received at the meeting will be prepared into a final report, which will be presented at next month's council meeting. Mrs. Conway mentioned that the presentation and article regarding this meeting is available on the Village website. Mrs.

Stillpass then thanked the committee for its work and also thanked Jeff Ernst for creating the PowerPoint presentation used at the meeting.

STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SEWERS COMMITTEE

Mr. Chaiken reported that at its recent meeting, the committee discussed 2011 stormwater projects for which the plans were ninety percent complete. Projects on Fair Oaks and Willowbrook will be completed during the spring and summer months this year.

PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway reported that the second issue of the email newsletters was distributed last week. She reminded everyone that the Village has transitioned from the print copy of the newsletter to the email version. Those who have not subscribed may do so via the Village website.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Conway read, presented and moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06, ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 35.11 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. Seconded by Mrs. Cohen and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Conway moved to approve the Ordinance passed as an emergency measure. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Stillpass, Chaiken, Cohen, Conway, Hattenbach, Katz	(6)
NAY:	(0)
ABSENT: McIntosh	(1)

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Mayor Stillpass presented this committee's report on behalf of Ms. McIntosh. Mrs. Stillpass reported that the committee met on March 1st and discussed landscape maintenance. Mr. Rasfeld, Chief Monahan and Lt. Wallace were present and participated in developing a new plan, which would designate certain areas as prairie, which would not be maintained. Reducing such maintenance would save the Village \$2,000 annually. The Public Buildings and Parks Committee meeting will review this new plan on April 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Stillpass announced that this year's Arbor Day event will be held on June 12 at noon at Village Hall. The event will not have activities such as weeding and mulching, but will be transformed, for this year, into more of a volunteer appreciation day. Activities will include a heritage tree dedication, presentation of garden awards, and recognition of the graduates from the tree academy.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Stillpass shared the details of several planning and community-oriented events and seminars that she attended recently on behalf of the Village. She then extended invitations to council and planning commission members to attend the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission luncheon on March 25 and the Planning Commission training to be held on April 14.

MANAGER’S REPORT

No additional report.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Monahan reported that the department conducting deer culling on February 16 and March 2. The total number of deer culled was 31. Twenty-five of the deer were culled on the Amberley Green property and the other six were from French Park. The total cost of the operation was \$4,753.37, which was under budget by \$402.63.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

Mayor Stillpass stated that there being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor Merrie Stillpass