

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. Mayor J.K. Byar called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

**PRESENT:**

Richard Bardach  
J.K. Byar  
Bill Doering  
Ed Hattenbach  
Tom Muething  
Ray Warren  
Natalie Wolf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**EXCUSED:**

Mayor Byar welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Amberley Village Council and led those in attendance through the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Betty Whitaker then sang the National Anthem. Rabbi Mendy provided an invocation.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Byar presented the minutes of the July 9, 2012, regular meeting. He noted a minor edit on page 4, changing Mr. Muething to Ms. Wolf. He asked if there were any additional corrections or additions. Since there were none, Mayor Byar stated that the minutes stand approved as amended.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Lahrmer presented the June, 2012, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). A summary of this report noted total revenue for the month of June of \$82,961 while expenses equaled \$446,656. At the end of June, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2,627,202. The report was accepted as submitted.

**NORTH SITE ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

Mr. Bardach conducted the third reading and moved to approve ORDINANCE 2012-05, ORDINANCE ADOPTING NORTH SITE ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS. Seconded by Hattenbach and the roll call showed the following vote:

AYE: Byar, Bardach, Doering, Hattenbach, Muething, Warren, Wolf (7)  
NAY: (0)

The next step in the process to re-zone the North Site is to refer to the Village's Planning Commission for its consideration a draft ordinance which would apply the zoning designation "North Site NS District."

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve RESOLUTION 2012-47, RESOLUTION TO REFER A ZONING ORDINANCE TO REZONE THE NORTH SITE TO THE AMBERLEY VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION. Seconded by Mr. Bardach and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Wolf reported that the committee met and approved a print newsletter. Cox Ohio Publishing designed, produced, printed and mailed the August issue to all households for under \$800. She pointed out that the newsletter encourages residents to sign-up for e-news and website subscriptions.

Ms. Wolf announced that the Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 19 from 6-8 p.m. Paper shredding and shoe recycling will be operating from 10-12 p.m. A dedication of the Amberley Green community garden will take place at 4 p.m.

Ms. Wolf also reported that WeThrive! conducted a bus tour of the participating communities to share what was accomplished in each community with the grant funding. Mr. Muething represented the Village on the bus tour. Mr. Muething explained that the grant process for spending money ended in June. He noted that Amberley received favorable press from this endeavor and achieved the community garden, exercise equipment and trail improvements from the grant. He stated all of the communities were very excited about their improvements and the County has applied for 60 additional grants.

**HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Wolf reported that the committee recently met with Wyoming regarding its deer management policy. The next meeting will be on August 15. The committee will meet with the Village's staff that is responsible for the Village's deer management.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Wolf reported the committee met in July. There will be an Amberley Green Garden Fall Festival and tree/garden walk this year on October 7.

The next committee meeting will be August 27 at 7:30 p.m.

**STREETS, PUBLIC UTILITIES & SEWERS COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Doering reported that the committee met on July 16 and discussed gas aggregation. The Village will be bundled with Springdale and Glendale to achieve better group pricing. The gas market does not have as many suppliers as electric and will not be as fruitful in savings. The Village will enter into a variable monthly rate at this time.

Mr. Doering reported that the committee also discussed the Stormwater Management Advisory Committee's recommendations. The Willowbrook detention basin project has an estimated cost of \$450,000-500,000. The committee voted not to proceed because the reward does not exceed the risk for the cost of the project. Properties are already in the floodplain and that will not change. The decision was unanimous given the financial issues of the Village.

**STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Doering reported that the committee met on August 8 to review the proposed projects list. He visited each project site. Three projects were recommended to the Streets, Public Utilities & Sewers Committee: Elbrook, Laurel Oak and Knoll Road. The estimated cost is \$150,000-200,000.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Wallace reported that the department made 1,700 calls for services in the month of June and 24 arrests. He updated the council regarding the home invasion on Fair Oaks. Both suspects have been apprehended. He also noted an arrest in a recent string of car break-ins.

Chief Wallace reminded everyone of the block watch meeting at 7 p.m. He encouraged residents to attend and get involved. A block watch group in an adjacent community submitted information to the sheriff's department to assist in the home invasion case. Chief Wallace encouraged residents to visit the Village website and sign-up for E-News and they will also receive crime alerts once subscribed.

Chief Wallace announced that Amberley has been selected to participate on a new task force called Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). Several larger agencies, federal and state agencies are a part of this task force that will create a computer information share point related to internet crimes in this region. The Chief noted that this is quite an accomplishment for Amberley and reflects on the quality of the employees and their work. Det. Norton will participate along with one officer.

Mayor Byar expressed his personal thanks to the police department for their efforts and hard work.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Lahrmer reported that the Village Council approved Resolution 2012-40 in June approving an agreement with Management Partners to explore service sharing opportunities between Amberley, Silverton and Deer Park. One of the conditions of the agreement was for Management Partners to prepare a grant application for Phase II from the Local Government Innovation Fund. The deadline for the next round of funding is September 4. This resolution would allow for the Village to pursue such funding.

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve RESOLUTION 2012-45, RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GRANT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF DEER PARK AND THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON. Seconded by Mr. Bardach and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lahrmer reported that the Village's waste collection contract with Rumpke expires on December 31, 2012 with a 1 year option to renew. The Health, Education and Welfare Committee will be meeting later this month to consider whether to exercise the optional year. The Center for Local Government (CLG) has been discussing forming a solid waste consortium to bid waste collection collectively. There are legal costs of \$38,000 to form the consortium, which would be split among the participating communities. The CLG intends to apply for funds from the Local Government Innovation Fund for this endeavor. The deadline for the grant funding is September 4. This resolution would position the Village to apply for funding.

Mr. Hattenbach moved to approve RESOLUTION 2012-46, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO FILE A JOINT APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT. Seconded by Mr. Muething and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Project Updates and Developments:**

Mr. Lahrmer reported that the solving of the recent crimes in the Village is a testament to the Village and its employees across the organization.

The Board of Zoning Appeals met and changed the September meeting date from September 3 to September 4 at 7 p.m.

The print copy of the newsletter was released, which announced the street improvement program. Curb work will begin the week of August 20. Asphalt work will begin August 27.

The maintenance department has a compost pile, which typically costs the Village for removal and haul-off of leaves and brush. Last summer, Wes Brown negotiated with a tree contractor to have the leaves and brush hauled away for free. This is an annual savings to the Village of \$4,000-5,000 and keeps debris out of the local landfills.

An appeal was filed by the Guyers in regards to the Board of Zoning Appeals June 7 decision to approve the application for a conditional use permit at 2400 Section Road for a synagogue.

The Village residents collectively saved \$43,000 last month with the electric aggregation program.

A series of meetings began this month with the CEOs of the Amberley businesses. It is important to communicate and determine the viability of our businesses, identify any unmet needs and update them on changes. Relationships with existing businesses are critical for retention and expansion.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Byar announced that Lt. Rick Caudill retired from the Village on July 28. Mayor Byar noted that Lt. Caudill was a long-standing employee of the Village and he will be greatly missed.

Mayor Byar announced that Scott Wolf is the new President of Adath Israel and extended his congratulations.

Mayor Byar reminded everyone to attend the Ice Cream Social on August 19.

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

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

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Mayor J.K. Byar