

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in a regular session at the Amberley Village Hall, 7149 Ridge Road on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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
Tom Muething
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:

Bill Doering
Ed Hattenbach
Ray Warren

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

MINUTES

Mayor Byar presented the minutes of the August 13, 2012, regular meeting. He asked if there were any additional corrections or additions. Since there were none, Mayor Byar stated that the minutes stand approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer presented the July, 2012, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). A summary of this report noted total revenue for the month of July of \$561,404 while expenses equaled \$456,568. At the end of July, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$2,771,810. The report was accepted as submitted.

RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mr. Jim Rulli, 6815 Beechlands Drive, as a Board Member of the Kennedy Heights Arts Center, shared the organization's recent progress and invited council to attend the upcoming Amberley Afternoon scheduled for October 21. Mayor Byar expressed his support and agreed to post the event information on the Village website as well as have a proclamation prepared for the event.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Ms. Wolf reported the committee has met several times regarding deer management in the Village. A working meeting will be held on September 24 to begin drafting a policy.

Ms. Wolf reported the committee also met regarding the Village's waste and recycling contract. TJ White from the Center for Local Government presented information to the committee to consider regarding its option to participate in a consortium to contract for waste services. Ms. Wolf noted the goal of the committee is to save money and increase recycling to include a 64 gallon recycling container.

Mayor Byar noted that there will be special council meeting on Friday, September 14 at 4 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Ms. Wolf announced the next meeting will be held on September 24 at 7 p.m. at the Kennedy Heights Art Center for an overview and tour of the organization and its garden.

The Amberley Village Tree Walk at Amberley Green will take place on October 7 from 4-6 p.m. During the event, there will be an opportunity for 2013 garden plots to be purchased.

The last Amberley Green Clearing event will be on October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Wolf emphasized that participation on the Environmental Stewardship Committee is open to all Amberley residents.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Muething reported that the committee met to discuss Topicz' expansion plan. He expressed that this was a great example of the Village Manager working with Amberley businesses to create opportunity. He reported that the \$2.5 million building expansion will include a tax abatement of 75% on the expansion for a 6 year period.

Mr. Muething read RESOLUTION NO. 2012-48, RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO, AND TOPICZ PROVIDING FOR A PROJECT TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN AN ENTERPRISE ZONE. Ms. Wolf moved to approve RESOLUTION 2012-48, seconded by Mr. Muething and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Muething reported that the committee met regarding the Amberley Green bond renewal. Existing debt due in October was also discussed. He shared that he was very pleased to announce that the Village will be paying \$500,000 of the \$6.2 million debt. He praised the work of the Village staff and the commitment from Village residents.

Mr. Muething then conducted a first reading of the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE 2012-07, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,720,000 OF RENEWAL NOTES, BY THE VILLAGE OF AMBERLEY, OHIO, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A FINAL JUDGMENT.

ORDINANCE 2012-08, ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012.

ORDINANCE 2012-09, ORDINANCE ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS AMONG FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012.

Mayor Byar thanked everyone for re-establishing fiscal soundness.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lahrmer thanked Village Council for its support of the Topicz enterprise zone agreement. He noted that Topicz' expansion will also bring job creation and long-term investment.

Mr. Lahrmer also commended Council for a first-time payment of principal toward the Amberley Green debt.

October 10 is Columbus Day and the Village Council meeting will need rescheduled. Mr. Lahrmer proposed October 10 or 16. Mr. Muething moved to approve October 16 at 6:30 p.m.

for the rescheduled October Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bardach and the motion carried unanimously.

Project Updates and Developments:

Mr. Lahrmer reported that the Village residents saved \$58,574 in July on electric energy through the aggregation program.

The 2012 Road Rehabilitation program will continue into the fall and conclude in November.

Mr. Lahrmer reported Village staff consistently pursues cost savings items. Administration purchased replacement computer towers (not screens) for Nicole and Anna that did not have software on them. Transferring the software from the existing computers to the new computers saved approximately \$1,287 by not purchasing new software. An additional \$1,200 is being saved by having Officer Mark Roeseler perform the technical work of physically transferring the software to the new computers. That's a total savings of \$2,487. In addition, the Village negotiated with American Legal Publishing on our codification and saved \$1,950. This is indicative of staff that is very budget conscious.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Byar thanked Village staff and the residents for another successful Ice Cream Social event this year.

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

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Mayor J.K. Byar