

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road, on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Muething called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

PRESENT

Richard Bardach
Peg Conway
Ed Hattenbach
Elida Kamine
Thomas C. Muething
Ray Warren
Natalie Wolf

ALSO PRESENT

Rick Kay, Village Treasurer
Lt. Brian Blum, Police-Fire Department
Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council

ABSENT

Kevin McDonough, Village Solicitor
Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

Mayor Muething welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amberley Village Council. He led those in attendance through the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Muething asked if there were any changes to the June 17, 2019 meeting minutes as distributed. There being none, he stated the minutes were accepted as submitted.

CITIZENS TO SPEAK

Natalie Fields, Deer Park Branch Library, shared information regarding listening sessions to be hosted by the Deer Park Branch Library on Wednesday, July 31 at Amity Elementary School on E. Galbraith Road from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Residents and community leaders are invited to share thoughts on how the library can play a role in their dreams for their community. Ms. Fields encouraged residents and Council to share the information to boost attendance at the meetings.

Ms. Fields stated that more information regarding this meeting and those to be hosted by other branches is available at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Steve Cushard, 3205 N. Whitetree Circle, spoke regarding the JCC proposal for Amberley Village. A copy of his testimony is attached hereto.

Brief discussion was held regarding discrepancies in information made available to the public, and council members clarified that this was because the details of any proposal have not been finalized at this time.

Council members thanked Mr. Cushard for his feedback, and assured him that further information gathering and work would be done before anything is officially agreed upon.

Colin Driscoll, 6600 Ridge Road, offered an abbreviated timeline of the JCC's involvement with Amberley Green as part of his testimony (a copy of which is attached hereto.)

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Hattenbach presented the May 2019 Finance Report (a copy of which is attached hereto.) Mr. Hattenbach stated that earnings tax collections for the month of May were \$105,801, or up 7.29% over May of last year. He stated that the earnings tax continues to be the Village's primary revenue source.

Mr. Hattenbach stated that 57% of budgeted income tax revenues have been received through the month of May. Property tax rollback totaling \$78,256 was received in May.

Mr. Hattenbach reported that the Village netted \$6,581 from the Local Government Fund, and that revenue for the month of May totaled \$313,350, while May expenses were \$338,358.

Mr. Hattenbach stated that the yearly budget was estimated at \$5,281,290, with \$2,106,363, or 39.52% of the budget, spent as of May 31, 2019. He also stated that the unencumbered General Fund balance as of the end of May was \$5,447,207.

The report was accepted as submitted.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Lt. Blum stated there was no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Muething thanked the entire police department, and especially Officer Alt, for an outstanding Bike Safety Fair, stating that it's always an excellent event for the children and the community of Amberley Village.

Mayor Muething announced that The Sonny Kim Award, recognizing dedication to the community, was presented to Police Chief Wallace this past Saturday. In addition, he stated that today marks the anniversary of his 23rd year serving Amberley Village.

The Environmental Stewardship Committee will hold its next meeting on July 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

The Amberley Village Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 25 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Mayor Muething encouraged all to attend, and stated that the police, administration and maintenance departments put a lot of effort in to ensure it will be a great event.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kamine announced that Adath Israel will host a Kosher BBQ this Sunday from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., which will also include an indoor craft fair. The event is open to all, regardless of religion or affiliation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tammy Reasoner, Clerk of Council

Mayor Thomas C. Muething