

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
AMBERLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014**

The Council of Amberley Village, Ohio met in regular session at the Amberley Village Municipal Building, 7149 Ridge Road on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Muething called the meeting to order. The following roll call was taken:

**PRESENT:**

Richard Bardach  
Peg Conway  
Bill Doering  
Ed Hattenbach  
Thomas C. Muething  
Ray Warren  
Natalie Wolf

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

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 June 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes, noting there were minor changes distributed prior to the meeting, and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Since there were none, Mayor Muething stated that the minutes were approved.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Council Member Ed Hattenbach presented the May, 2014, Finance Report (a copy of which is attached to these minutes). Chair Hattenbach reported a summary of this report noted total tax collections for the month of May totaled \$191,054. The total general fund revenue for the month of May was \$380,721 while expenses equaled 181,947. At the end of May, the unencumbered General Fund balance was \$3,154,919. The report was accepted as submitted.

Mr. Hattenbach also reported that the Finance Committee met to review the Village's financial control systems and procedures, including check writing. The committee was satisfied with the current controls in place and concluded all controls as effective for the financial functions.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms. Annie Wilkerson from Congressman Wenstrup's office introduced herself to Council and offered assistance with issues related to federal offices. She mentioned that their office can perform as a liaison to assist constituents inquiring to the Veterans' Affairs department or a disability matter, social security and Medicare, as well as expediting a passport. Their office processes service academy nominations and coordinates tours of the capital building and White House. She encouraged outreach and provided her contact information.

**POLICE/FIRE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Conway reported that the committee met in regards to termination of dispatch services for the Village of Silverton. The Village entered the 3-year agreement in December 2012 and both entities were very pleased with the operations. Silverton began losing police officers and did not replace them. In April, Silverton chose to explore the elimination of the Silverton Police

Department and anticipated a July 31 date for the Sheriff's Office to take over law enforcement. The County will provide 12 deputies in Silverton.

Silverton and Amberley staff indicated consent to waive the 6 month notice to terminate as the Village would incur significant expenses after July 31. Ms. Conway asked the Chief to elaborate.

Chief Wallace reported that the department would have to increase the number and hours of dispatchers working in order to support the increase in activity. This additional cost outweighs the contractual revenue.

Mr. Doering expressed his appreciation for the thorough analysis provided by Lt. Blum on this matter.

Mrs. Conway moved to approve Resolution 2014-20, Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Amendment to Terminate the Contract with the Village of Silverton for Dispatch Services. Seconded by Mr. Hattenbach and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Wolf expressed her concern over the closing of the Silverton Police Department and hopes that other surrounding communities do not abolish local police departments in the coming years. She stated that she was glad that Village residents overwhelming spoke for their local police department when the levy was passed.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Wallace reported that there was a recent resignation in the department and a process to replace that officer has been engaged.

He also mentioned that he and other Chiefs in the area were invited to participate in a promotional video for prostate cancer and it should air soon if anyone should see it.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Muething commented that he had received a question as to why a dollar amount was not included in the minutes. He stated that the amount was included in the resolution which was posted on the website and the public posting boards throughout the Village. He noted that there is not a requirement that an amount be listed in the minutes, however, that council will try to include amounts in minutes going forward.

Mayor Muething announced that the next Environmental Stewardship Committee would occur on July 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. All residents are welcome.

Mayor Muething announced the Ice Cream Social will occur on Sunday, August 24 at 6 p.m. All residents are invited and it is always a fun day.

Mayor Muething reported that the Land Development Committee met five times over the past few months for the purpose of obtaining clarity in regards to the Village's vacant properties—the North Site and Amberley Green. He noted the meetings were intended to be informational, not decision-making.

He stated that professionals involved in real estate development provided their view on the properties which was pessimistic over the next five years based on a number of issues and three were highlighted. The three issues were traffic at both sites, lack of amenities in the Village and topography at the Amberley Green property.

He continued stating that developments that are noticed in the Cincinnati area have involved significant tax abatements and giveaways. He stated the developers commented that the Village could benefit from some additional study to identify areas on the Amberley Green not available for development due to its topography.

The committee was informed that the best opportunity for development in the near term was residential, consistent with the long range plan. The Committee will meet again in the coming weeks to determine the next steps and then present that information to council.

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

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Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

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Mayor Thomas C. Muething