

TO: Village Council

FROM: Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager

DATE: May 7, 2015

RE: National Public Works Week

ITEM: Proclaiming May 17-23, 2015 as National Public Works Week.

ACTION REQUESTED: By motion, adopt **Resolution 2015- 12** authorizing the recognition of National Public Works Week in Amberley Village.

PURPOSE: To promote public awareness and to show appreciation to the Amberley Village staff involved with Maintenance Department operations.

The American Public Works Association sets aside a week in May each year to celebrate those services provided by Maintenance Departments throughout the country. The theme for this year's event is "Community Begins Here."

The Amberley Village Maintenance Department is on call 24-hours a day, 7-days a week for both Maintenance Department and Fire Department related duties. The Department is responsible for a variety of tasks critical to the safety and quality of life enjoyed by Amberley Village residents. Some of the services provided by the Maintenance Department include street and right-of-way repairs and maintenance, storm sewer pipe and catch basin restoration and repairs, snow and ice removal, brush chipping, leaf pick-up, tree removal, litter control, maintaining guard rails and traffic signs, buildings and Village owned properties, vehicle maintenance including Fire Department apparatus. In addition, our employees respond to flooded streets, storm damage such as trees and tree limbs blown down in the right-of-way, malfunctioning traffic signals and damaged street signs. They also remove trash and other debris from the Village streets to ensure a clean and safe community for residents and businesses. Five of the seven employees are also fully certified fire fighters for the Village. The two new hires will begin a six-week fire school starting in June. This will make the entire Maintenance Department trained as firefighters.

The Department maintains over 56 lane miles of Village streets. The Village operates a Class IV Composting Site on the North Site Property and with our brush chipping and leaf collection programs, gather an average (last three years) of 3,974 cubic yards of leaves, 250 cubic yards of logs and produce 1,354 cubic yards of chips from brush collected at the curb each year that are recycled as compost and mulch. The Department delivers the wood chips and leaf compost material to Village residents to be used in their landscaping and gardens (free of charge). The Village receives numerous compliments related to its services and is widely regarded as a top community for snow and ice removal.

Development of the use of salt brine, beet juice and other organics fluids has reduced the quantity of highway salt and overtime utilized to control ice and snow. Cooperation with other municipalities and equipment sharing arrangements increase productivity while reducing rental costs, multi-jurisdictional purchasing has eliminated the costs of bidding alone and has increased economies of scale on products such as highway salt and fuel. The progressive thinking behind these examples will continue to produce innovation and cost savings year after year going forward.

Adoption of **Resolution 2015-12** is recommended. If you have any questions, please let me know.

PASSED:
BY:

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2015
AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings and snow removal; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitudes and understanding of the importance of the work they perform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF AMBERLEY VILLAGE, STATE OF OHIO, _____ () members elected thereto concurring,

SECTION 1: That the Council of the Village of Amberley, Ohio, hereby designates and proclaims May 17-23, 2015 as National Public Works Week in the Village of Amberley.

SECTION 2: That all citizens and civic organizations of the Village of Amberley are encouraged to recognize the contributions that public works officials make every day to their health, safety and comfort.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this ___ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the ____ day of _____, 2015, the forgoing Resolution was published pursuant to Article IX of the Home Rule Charter by posting true copies of said Resolution at all of the places of public notice as designed by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

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