

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AMELIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
July 8, 2014

Amelia Village convened in regular session at 7:02 PM in the Amelia Municipal Building, 44 West Main St., Amelia, OH, 45102. In the Mayor's absence, Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Derrick Campbell	Present	Mrs. Renee Gerber	Present
Mr. Chris Dickerson	Present	Mr. Brandon Hatton	Present
Ms. Susan Elliott	Present	Ms. Katie Krafka	Present

GUESTS: Julia Carney, Solicitor; David Friend, Chief of Police; Julie Wartman, Administrative Manager. See attached guest list.

Opening / Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Campbell led Council and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

June 24, 2014 Regular meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Mr. Hatton to accept the minutes. All present voted yea. Ms. Krafka abstained. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Mrs. Gerber asked about fueling the Village vehicles at Kroger gas station vs Speedway. We may look into that again. It was moved by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Mr. Hatton to approve the payment of bills. All present voted yea. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 26th at 9 am depending on Mr. Gilpin's availability.

Legislation:

O-2014-28 Agreement with CompManagement It was moved by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to adopt the ordinance. All present voted yea. Motion carried.

O-2014-30 Approving and Adopting the 2015 Tax Budget It was moved by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Ms. Krafka to adopt the ordinance. All present voted yea. Motion carried.

R-2014-08 Agreement with Clermont County pursuant to provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. At Mr. Campbell's request, Solicitor Carney explained this resolution to Council. This was the First Reading.

Public Input

Chief Friend approached Council regarding his request at the May 19th meeting for accounting reports for his budget. He has also sent an emailed request to the Fiscal Officer and the Mayor for the reports. He hasn't received them. He doesn't know where moneys from the police fund are going. Mr. Campbell agreed the Chief should receive reports every month.

Chief Friend also reported that additional floor space is needed for the Mayor's Court files. This is due to the increase in citations written, subsequently, increasing the case load.

Chief reported that the Court/Police Clerk will have training this week for Baldwin Light.

We are coordinating with our IT person to get the Clerk a laptop computer to use at the walk-in window.

The Chief asked Council if the Finance and Safety Committees have met to discuss the retention of police officers. This was brought up at a previous meeting. Ms. Elliott and Mrs. Gerber stated that they have discussed it and are still discussing it.

On another topic, the Chief suggested that a percentage of the revenues from Court Costs go into the police fund. It was also a consensual suggestion by Council that Court Costs be raised to \$85.00.

Chief Friend said that several people, outside of the Amelia administrative and police departments, have told him they have heard that determination of his impending raise is being based on the fact that he is receiving a pension from his previous employer, and not on his performance. This was denied by each Council member.

The Chief reported that his department is running as efficiently and effectively as possible taking into consideration that the department is very short-staffed, leaving only one officer on duty at any given time and there have even been times when there was no officer on duty. It is Council's responsibility is to keep everybody in Amelia safe, at any cost. The interviews of 2 prospective part-time officers are almost complete, along with background checks.

The revenues from June were over \$16,700.00. APD officers are keeping busy and he is concerned about them crashing and burning or being injured due to the stress of being overworked.

Mrs. Gerber asked what percent of the revenues from police citations goes into the police fund. Mr. Campbell stated that it's better to put all police revenues into the General Fund so that the money can be used for any use. Ms. Elliott asked of other moneys go to the general fund. The answer is no.

The person training the Clerk on Baldwin is very familiar with how the distribution of revenues works in other municipalities. This will be discussed at the next Finance meeting.

Mrs. Gerber asked if we can change where funds are distributed. It can be changed if the Finance Committee agrees to it.


Mrs. Gerber requested Solicitor Carney to draft an ordinance to raise the court costs to \$85.00.


Council Input

Mrs. Gerber reported that her son-in-law has been deported to Afghanistan and said she would like to organize a project to send personal supplies and goodies to his troop.

Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Ms. Krafka to adjourn at 7:40 PM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Amelia Municipal Building, 44 West Main St., Amelia, OH, 45102.


Katie Krafka, Clerk, Pro-Tempore


Derrick Campbell, Vice Mayor