

AMELIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Present: Derrick Campbell, Chris Dickerson, Susan Elliott, Renee Gerber, Brandon Hatton, Katie Krafka, Todd Hart/Mayor, David Friend/Police Chief, Julie Wartman/Clerk Pro-Tempore

In Attendance: Please see attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

Motion to appoint Julie Wartman Clerk Pro-Tempore was made by Renee Gerber. Motion was seconded by Derrick Campbell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hart welcomed all in attendance.

Mayor Hart gave the floor to Mr. Dickerson, Chair of the Recreation Committee. Mr. Dickerson and Ms. Elliott presented awards to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest. They are Matt & Nikki Taleff, Che & Amanda Page and Charlie & Cindy Hood, respectively. Mr. & Mrs. Page were not in attendance.

Mayor Hart read a proclamation proclaiming the week of February 7-14, 2014 Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. The proclamation was presented to Miss Cora Campbell.

Committee Reports Finance Committee report: Presented by Mr. Campbell (see attached)
Safety Committee report: There was no report.

Legislation: O-2014-11 - Setting the pay for various Village employees. Motion made to suspend the rules requiring three readings on three separate dates by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Gerber. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Motion made to adopt the ordinance by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Gerber. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Motion made to adopt the emergency clause by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Gerber. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Mayor opened the floor to **Public Input**. Susan Rosser, a resident who lives on Hummingbird Way approached Council with concerns about the road conditions as a result of the recent weather. Mrs. Rosser presented pictures that she claimed depicted the street surrounding her property was not plowed or salted and that the rest of the street was plowed and salted. Mrs. Rosser stated that she will contact the Attorney General's office and the Ethics Commission regarding this. Discussion ensued between Mrs. Rosser and various Council members. Mrs. Rosser stated she feels she was targeted. Mr. Campbell explained why there were piles of salt in some places, noting that the truck had stopped to re-load the salt distribution bin and salt spills out when this occurs.

Tim Rosser, husband of Susan Rosser, approached Council with concerns about the Village website, asking why certain content was no longer posted on the site. The Mayor directed Mr. Rosser to Mr. Jay Jones, webmaster for the Village website, who was in the audience. Mr. Rosser complained that there are no ordinances and no minutes on the website. The Mayor explained that the Village is not obligated to have a website and that in the future, ordinances will be posted at the Amelia branch of the Clermont County Library. Mr. Rosser stated he would like to receive responses to emails that he sends to the Mayor and to Council members and that he would like to see better communication.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:37 pm citing ORC 121.22G2 to consider the sale of property. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Gerber. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mrs. Gerber made a motion to return from Executive Session at 7:47 pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hatton. All were present.

The Mayor opened the floor for **Council Input**. Ms. Krafka announced that the 2014 Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 12 at 11 am. Ms. Krafka requested that all Council members attend. The Mayor stated that Kroger would like to have a list of the Village's needs for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mayor Hart asked for a motion to advertise for a Public Works worker. Mr. Campbell made the motion and Mr. Dickerson seconded it. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to proceed to Executive Session at 7:55 pm citing ORC 121.22G1 to consider the appointment or employment of a public employee. Mrs. Gerber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Chief Friend was invited into the Executive Session.

Mrs. Gerber made a motion to return from Executive Session at 8:04 pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hatton. All were present.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm was made by Mrs. Gerber. The motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of Amelia Village Council will be Tuesday February 25th at 7 pm.


Julie Wartman/Clerk Pro-Tempore


Todd Hart/Mayor