

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## AMELIA VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 10, 2015

Amelia Village Council convened in regular session at 7:03pm in the Amelia Municipal Building, 44 West Main St., Amelia, OH 45102. Mayor Hart called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Derrick Campbell Present  
Mr. Chris Dickerson Present  
Ms. Susan Elliott Present

Mrs. Renee Gerber Present  
Mr. Brandon Hatton Present  
Ms. Katie Krafka Present

**Guests:** Julia Carney, Solicitor; Sergeant Jeff Wood, Interim Police Chief; Joel Gilpin, Assistant Fiscal Officer. See attached guest list.

**Opening/Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hart led Council and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hart thanked all for attending.

Mayor Hart invited Amelia Girl Scout Daisy Troop #49681 to present a thank you card to Ms. Elliot and Ms. Krafka.

**Approval of Minutes:** February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 continuation for approval. It was moved by Ms. Krafka and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to accept the minutes. Ms. Elliott and Mr. Hatton abstained. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular meeting. It was moved by Mr. Hatton and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to accept the minutes. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Dickerson abstained. All remaining members voted yea. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve payment of the current bills. All present voted yea. Motion carried.

**Public Input:** There was no public input.

**Legislation: O-2015-14** an ordinance entering into an agreement with Julie Wartman for consulting services. Second Reading.

**O-2015-15** an ordinance amending O-2012-50 and all other conflicting ordinances to amend Section 420, Retirement and Section 605, Sick Leave of the Personnel Policy Manual. Second Reading.

**O-2015-16** an ordinance continuing the appointment of Julia B. Carney in the position of Village Solicitor. Second Reading.

**O-2015-17** an ordinance adopting the Permanent Annual Appropriations of village funds for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to suspend the rules requiring three readings on three separate dates. All present voted yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to adopt the ordinance. All present voted yea. Motion Carried.

**Guest:** Mayor Hart introduced Mrs. Ashba to council and invited her to the front of the room to speak about herself. Ms. Krafka and Mr. Dickerson spoke about the interview process completed on Mrs. Ashba. The floor was opened to Council for discussion with Mrs. Ashba about herself and her qualifications for the position of Amelia Village Administrative Manager. Mayor Hart spoke to Council and Mrs. Ashba.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made to enter into Executive Session according to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22G1 at 7:55 pm by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Hatton. All present voted yea. Motion Carried. Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

**Mayor Input:** Mayor Hart asked for a Motion by council to pay no more than \$400.00 for travel expense for Assistant Fiscal Officer Joel Gilpin to attend the Local Government Conference April 1-2, 2015. It was moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Gerber. All present voted yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Hart mentioned the Clermont County Spring Litter Clean-Up Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 9:00am-12:00pm.

Mayor Hart mentioned the International Teachers from 1:00pm-2:30pm at the elementary school.

Mayor Hart discussed the Clermont County Township Assoc. Spring Banquet at the Clermont County Fairgrounds April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00pm. Council motioned not to exceed \$250.00. Motioned by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Gerber. All present voted yea. Motion carried.

It was discussed by Council to discontinue the Anthem Employee Assistance Program. Motioned by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Mr. Hatton. All present voted yea. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

Recreation Committee, Ms. Krafka reports: Discussed the upcoming Easter egg hunt March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:00am. You Lucky Dog will be selling hot dogs at the event and Amelia Girl Scout Daisy Troop #49681 will be selling cookies; stuffing eggs on March 21, 2015 at 4:00pm.

**Council Input:** Mrs. Gerber asked council to think about the possibility of increasing Village Council pay for the next incoming council members. It was discussed if the pay increase could be retroactive to current members. Mrs. Carney stated that there was conflicting case law and that may not be the case. It was also suggested to run numbers for the possibility of the village having a part-time Mayor on the next election.

Mrs. Gerber asked council to consider renting out a room in the new village hall building to the general public. Council to discuss the cost for the rental to the public.

Mr. Campbell discussed the Amelia Business Assoc. renting a room for an office from the village. Mr. Campbell discussed them only paying utilities for the room.

Mr. Campbell discussed the village demolishing and selling the wood from the old barn on the 119 West Main Street property. Mrs. Carney was asked if the village had to surplus the building first. Mrs. Carney suggested to have it put out for bid.

Mayor Hart mentioned Home Depot donating stone to the cemetery. Pavestone is coming out to plan the layout for the stone.

Council brought up the Donut Dash and the National Night Out. Those will be discussed at the April Recreation Committee meeting.

The Cemetery Committee is to meet before the next council meeting.


Mayor Hart mentioned that council will be swearing in two officers at the next council meeting.

Mrs. Gerber thanked Officer Saylor for going out in the snow storms and asking the residents to move their vehicles from the streets for the plowing. The village was mentioned in the paper for the possibility of council creating an ordinance for a snow emergency in the village.

Mayor Hart congratulated Mr. Cornett on acquiring his CDL License.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Mrs. Gerber and seconded by Mr. Campbell to adjourn at 8:46pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Amelia Municipal Building, 44 West Main Street, Amelia, OH 45102.

  
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Joel Gilpin, Assistant Fiscal Officer

  
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Todd Hart, Mayor