



## **Health, Education & Welfare Committee Agenda** **April 3, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

### **Health, Education & Welfare Committee**

Dara Wood, Chair  
Keely Paul  
Jay Shatz

### **Staff Liason**

Scot Lahrmer, Village  
Manager  
Rich Wallace, Police Fire  
Chief  
Ryan Shaw, Sergeant

### **MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes: October 17, 2022

### **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

1. Distracted driving/pedestrian safety

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Health, Education, Welfare committee  
Amberley Village, Ohio  
10-18-22 Meeting Minutes

Meeting to order at 5:00pm

Attendees: Dara Wood (chair) & Keely Paul (committee member)  
Scot Lahrmer, Sgt. Brian Baker, Chris Fritsch (Zoning), Mayor Tom Muething, Bruce Lazarus

Review Minutes of May 19, 2021 meeting. No changes. Minutes accepted as written.

Agenda Item #1 Deer Management Program that was established previously. It is our policy to review this each year.

Mr. Scot Lahrmer, Village Manager, shared the history and protocol that we adhere to. The Resolution was created with much input from Ohio Dept of Natural Resources, Cincinnati Park Board, City of Wyoming, and our Police Department. There was deemed a need for a management program due to safety issues, resident complaints and to maintain a healthy herd. In 2012 the committee decided to do a thermal imaging count of deer – that will be done every 3 years beginning in 2013, the next one would be in 2023. The initial resolution for the program was 2012-52 in November of 2012. The current Resolution, 2017-35, included some amendments to the program. This allowed for deer culling with crossbows to be performed by sharpshooters from our Police Department. This resolution also designated a number of deer to cull, which is 50 each year. In making this decision they have taken in information such as issues with deer, vehicle accidents, residents complaints, and sizes of healthy herds. It began in the parks but that was not successful so it is now done in residents yards. The police dept determines where it is safe and reasonable to do so, it is not done in any yard. IT was found to be successful and allowed us to reach our number. The deer culling is managed by the Police Department and Lt. Brian Blum supervises it.

Deer Culling Report:

Chris Fritch shared that when doing this in the park it wasn't as successful, crossbow side has been very productive and successful. There are 6 residential and 2 village owned properties that they do this on. They have not expanded that since a property has to meet very specific requirements to be used to guarantee safety. The goal of this program is to reduce accidents, reduce property damage, maintain a deer population that is acceptable from a safety and nuisance perspective, and ensure a healthy deer herd and sustainability of other wildlife. In

2007 25% of all reported vehicle accidents were deer related, compared to the current year where 10% of accidents thus far were caused by deer. The Village goes through Department of Natural Resources and have to apply each year for a license to do this. Culling is only done on select days with specific weather conditions.

Last year 48 deer were culled.

Sgt. Brian Baker

Primary concern is safety in choosing locations. Safe shooting lane with a backstop (usually a hill). Also, all adjacent neighbors are notified typically in person. They will move around depending on where the deer are. Auto accidents involving deer are down. It benefits by increasing public safety, promoting a healthy deer herd – if gets too large carry more disease like lyme. Sgt. Baker is going to try to do thermal imaging from the Villages drone to see if this works – will save village money in the future if we don't have to outsource this.

Deer Removal this past year by the maintenance dept. - 23

Deer Euthanized - 8 deer

They have a processor that processes the meat for them and it is all donated to shelters/churches – last year – over 1400 pounds were donated.

Mrs. Wood made Motion to approve the continuance of the Deep management program for 2022-2023. Ms. Paul seconded the motion.

In favor of the motion: Mrs. Wood & Ms. Paul. The motion passes.  
The meeting was adjourned. 5:25

Dara Wood

# Pedestrian Safety

Presented by:  
Sgt. Ryan Shaw



# 3- E's to Traffic Safety

## □ Education

- Village needs to work to educate the residents to help reduce speed.
- Residents need to set pace by slowing their own speeds.
- Use speed monitoring devices and use of police ghost cars in complaint areas.
- Show our commitment with signs and bumper stickers.

# **3- E's to Traffic Safety Continued:**

## **□ Engineering**

- Sign Placement
- Pavement Markings
- Roadway Modifications

# **3- E's to Traffic Safety Continued:**

## **□ Enforcement**

- Officers will continue to enforce traffic ordinances on all roadways.
- Officers will provide directed patrol in complaint areas.

## Section 4511.204 | Driving while texting.

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- ❑ (A) No person shall drive a motor vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular traffic while using a handheld electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication.
- ❑ (B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of the following:...
- ❑ (D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

## Section 4511.204 | Driving while texting continued.

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- Before, police in jurisdictions where texting was a secondary offense needed another reason to initiate a stop, such as speeding or blowing through a red light.
- **(Effective: April 4, 2023)** (D)(1) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communication device, an **unclassified misdemeanor**.
- First Violation: Up to \$150 fine and two points on your license, unless a distracted driving safety course is completed.
- Second Violation (within two years): Up to \$250 fine and three points on your license
- Third Violation (within two years): up to \$500 fine, four points on your license and a 90-day driver's license suspension

# Start of Public Education

## □ Newsletter article on Driver Safety

### Distracted Driving

The Amberley Village Police-Fire Department reminds us that staying alert while driving requires your full attention and any activity that diverts your attention away from the primary task of driving is a distraction.

All distractions can quickly become the cause of an accident that causes injury to you as the driver, your family or friends as passengers, and the general public as pedestrians and bystanders.

Distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

The Village recently experienced an unfortunate vehicle-pedestrian accident at Section and Elbrook. The driver in this case struck the pedestrian crossing in the crosswalk. The pedestrian was also wearing a reflective belt and crossing at the appropriate time.



While accidents do happen, it is important for everyone to think about others on the roadway, children on bikes, pedestrians, joggers and motorcycles. Please slow down, be cautious and pay attention.



## Newsletter Notification Meeting Notices

### Pedestrian Safety

Interested in continuing the conversation about pedestrian safety in Amberley Village?

The Health, Education & Welfare Committee plans to meet quarterly this year to discuss the topic. [Subscribe](#) to receive email notifications of Meeting Notices.

# Start of Public Education Continued:

- Distribution of Safety Belts.



# Start of Engineering

## □ Installation of pedestrian signage.

- Four have been installed on Section Road and two on Elbrook Avenue north of Section.



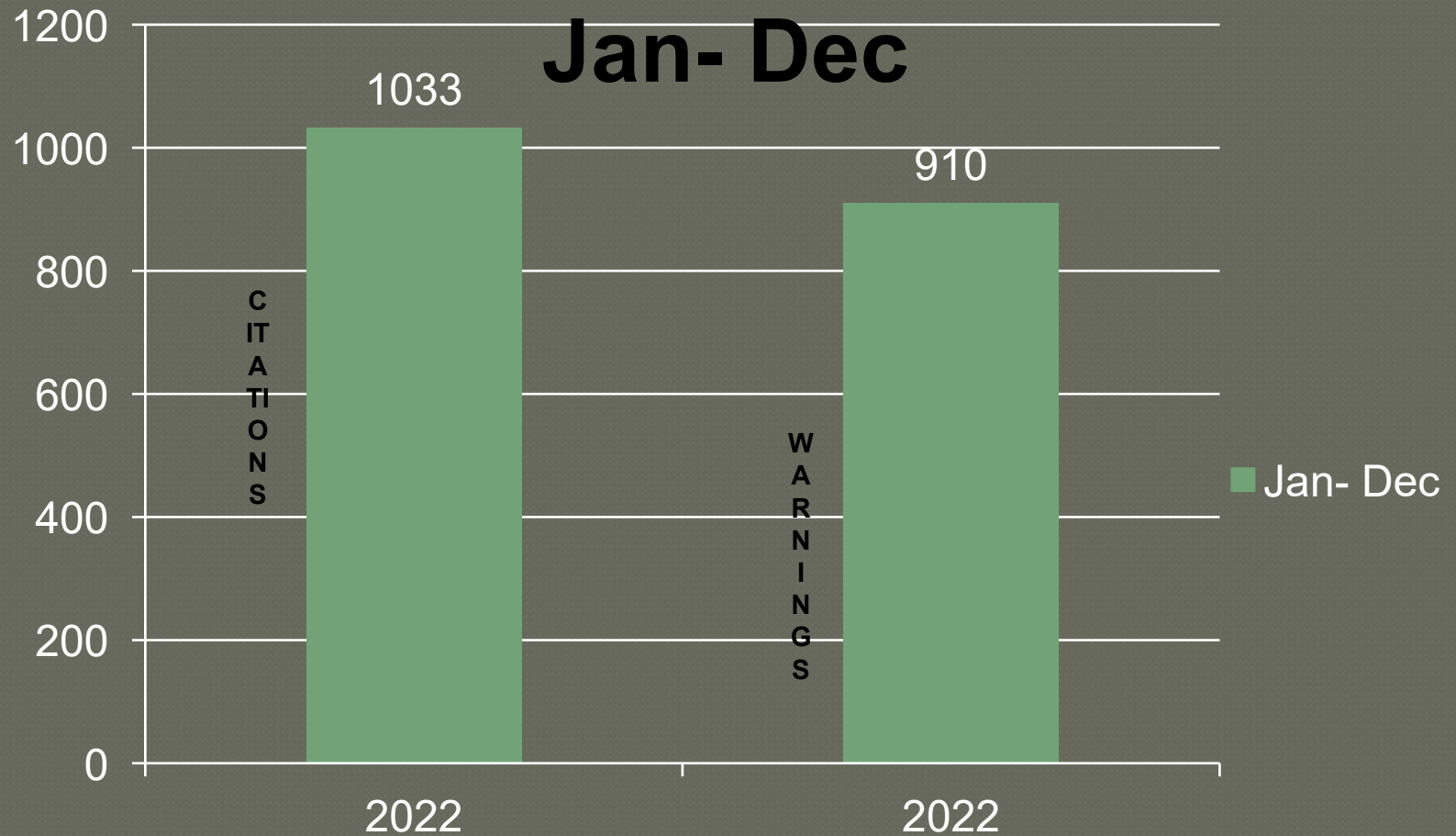
# Start of Engineering Continued

## □ Past Initiatives Taken

- Ped- Markings
- Spinner Tops
- Cross Walk Signage
- Reflective post strips
- Additional School Sign
- Speed signs installed on Section at W. Farm Acres and Aracoma.



# Enforcement



# **Enforcement Continued:**

- 2022 Auto Accidents (Jan- Dec)
  - Total: 82
  - Property Damage Only: 62
  - Injury: 20
  - Total Number of Injured Persons: 26

# Next Steps

- **Continue focusing traffic enforcement on high complaint areas i.e.:**
  - Elbrook
  - Rollman Estates
  - Galbraith
  - Sagamore

# Next Steps Continued:

## □ Elbrook Ave south of Section of Section

- Continue to work with CHDS Annex (school) to get better utilization of crosswalk on Elbrook at Meadowridge.



# Next Steps Continued:

- **School Zone**
  - Consider adding timed flashing lights to the existing school zone signage.



# Next Steps Continued:

## □ Portable Speed Signs:

- Consider purchasing new portable speed signs that can be easily moved to help address high complaint areas.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbYkeQapwHU&t=231s>

PASSED: December 12, 2016  
BY: Wolf

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-48

RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY AND  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village was built primarily in the 1940s and 50s as a "bedroom" community primarily without sidewalks and with minimal road shoulder for pedestrians, cyclists, and persons with disabilities and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village's Health, Education and Welfare Committee of Council began discussing pedestrian safety with its June 11, 2013 meeting and has focused its attention on pedestrian safety and;

**WHEREAS**, the Health, Education and Welfare Committee has encouraged staff to implement the 3 E's to traffic safety: education, engineering and enforcement and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village has increased its education of residents on pedestrian and bicycle safety via the Village Newsletter, enabling residents to receive a reflective safety belt, heavier traffic police presence in complaint areas and use of speed monitoring devices, distributed bicycle helmets and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village has implemented engineering to improve traffic safety by installing speed limit signs at the entrance to the Village, repainting of crosswalks, upgraded crosswalks in school zones and zones of high pedestrian traffic, mounting early warning signs and pavement markings, installing pedestrian walking against traffic signs, installed radar enforced signs and;

**WHEREAS**, Amberley Village Police have continued to make traffic stops and issue citations for traffic related offenses and the Maintenance Department started to install temporary speed humps on strategically identified streets in 2015;

**WHEREAS**, walkability and safe streets has become an increasingly important topic in the last decade, homebuyers, in particular younger family homebuyers, seek out neighborhoods that enable children to safely walk to school, safely connect with their neighbors, and enable physical activity, and walk scores have become a tool that many homebuyers look to when researching neighborhoods in which to raise their families and;

**WHEREAS**, our nation suffers from a lack of exercise and in particular obesity has become a nationwide epidemic and Amberley Village recognizes the need for residents and non-residents alike to integrate exercise into daily activities such as being able to walk and bicycle safely and;

**WHEREAS**, increasing active transportation (e.g., walking, bicycling, using public transportation, etc.) offers the potential for improved public health, economic development, a cleaner environment, reduced transportation costs, enhanced community connections, social equity, and more livable communities and;

**WHEREAS**, whenever street and road improvements are being planned, the Village will discuss and try to implement improvements in pedestrian, cycling, and traffic safety.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Council of Amberley Village, State of Ohio, seven (7) members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That Amberley Village hereby declares its support for pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, and traffic safety in the Village.

SECTION 2: In order to support pedestrian safety, it is imperative that motorists observe and obey traffic speed limits, school crossings, and pedestrian crosswalks.

SECTION 3: That pedestrians and cyclists need to observe traffic laws and best practices, including to make themselves visible to motorists at all times, during the daylight and nighttime hours.

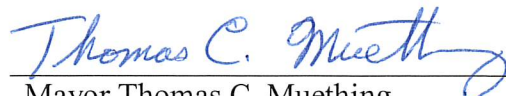
SECTION 4: That Amberley Village will continue to be diligent in enforcing traffic laws and educational activities to further support pedestrian, bicycle, and motorist safety.

SECTION 5: That whenever street and road improvements are planned, attention will be given to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle safety needs, and in keeping with current practice any unused road and street repair funds will be allocated as needed to implement pedestrian and bicycle safety.

SECTION 6: In order that we determine the appropriate level of expenditure on this important issue, the level of expenditure on pedestrian safety during the years 2015 and 2016 will be reviewed by the Health, Education and Welfare Committee and this will be specifically tracked in 2017. In 2018, this will be a specific budget item.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

  
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Mayor Thomas C. Muething

Attest:

Nicole Browder

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council

Resolution Vote:

Moved: Wolf Second: Hattenbach

I, Clerk of Council of Amberley Village, Ohio, certify that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016, 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 designated by Sec. 31.40(B), Code of Ordinances.

Nicole Browder

Nicole Browder, Clerk of Council