

October 25, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Mary Allen, and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Vince Bee , Fire Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt -310 Susanna Way
Megan Alley- Clermont Sun
Bob Lees 1515 Indian Ridge
Joe Vogel 1180 Little Indian Creek Road
Judy Vogel 1180 Little Indian Creek Road
Lynn Baird- Village Fiscal Officer
Mike Findlan – NR Planning Commission
Bill Marsh 2423 Country Place
Janet Manning 1694 US 52
Teresa Daniel 404 Susanna Way

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Skeene, Feldkamp, Allen, and Vanderbosch. Rodney Henry and Amanda Davidson were unable to attend.

Minutes of October 11th were presented for approval. Richard Feldkamp motioned to approve, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Henry: Absent
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: Absent
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Visitors:

David Vornholt:

Mr. Vornholt came to speak regarding the proposed income tax on the ballot. Some of the topics touched on were as follows.

- No money for police coverage.
- Village is doing a good job stretching the budget.
- Sustaining Committee concurred that the village is doing everything they can with the money they have.

Mike Findlan:

Mr. Findlan informed council that the Business Association will be sponsoring the return of the Kelly Miller Circus in May of next year.

Bob Lees:

Mr. Lees came to council with some suggestions/concerns. Some of the suggestions/concerns were as follows.

- Questions regarding RITA.
- How did council decide on a 50/50 split between police and fire/ems departments? (*Council based their decision on a supplied list of needs compiled by the Fire/EMS Chief and Police Chief*).
- Past Levy's will continue to go to each department.
- Impact research.
- Thanked council for the informational flyer that was sent out and suggested council send they flyer to businesses that have employees that would be affected by the income tax.
- Shared services.
- More development. (*Mayor Carr stated that developers are aware of the new sewer*).

Joe Vogel:

Mr. Vogel came to council with some suggestions/concerns. Some of the suggestion/concerns were as follows.

- Has there been a demographic study done in regards to emergency runs?
- Soft billing (All persons transported receive a bill. What insurance pays is what is accepted).
- Some fire/Ems supplies can be recouped from insurance
- Police supplies cannot be recouped from insurance.

Teresa Daniel:

Teresa Daniel had some questions regarding nuisance properties. (*Greg stated that the village has been working with the health department regarding some of these properties and it is a long process*). There was more discussion with some of the items being as follows.

- Obtaining information about some troublesome properties and whether they are subsidized housing or not.
- Landlords
- Why did council choose an income tax rather than a levy?
- Council choose the income tax in part due to the high rental community. Renters will be subject to the income tax. A levy would have been 10 mill and would only tax property owners.

Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird explained the list of pros/cons that was compiled in order for council to arrive at the decision they did.

- Income tax could grow over time.
- Property tax could only grow with new construction.
- Lynn also explained the way the tax works.
- All people employed by businesses in the village will pay tax.
- Collection process.
- Tax from Beckjord
- County called today and informed us that the village will be receiving \$70,000 less next year than this year in property tax.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Culvert at Grays Lane:

The culvert is in place and Grays Lane will hopefully be open by Thursday.

Boat Ramp:

Contactors continue to progress on the boat ramp. If the river cooperates the project should be finished by the end of the year. Due to high river levels work has been affected.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

Nothing to report.

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:

Nothing to report.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

Nothing to report.

Legislation:

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2016-13: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF 2017 FIRST AND SECOND HALF TAXES TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY AUDITOR

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Mr. Vanderbosch wished to confirm that the motion to reimburse Mary Allen for the Economic Development conference did not pass. (*Mayor Carr stated that it should be noted in the October 25th meetings minutes*). (*Clerk Kelly Painter stated that she has not been informed as to whether the motion passed or failed*). *Clarification will be made at the 1st November meeting*. Mr. Vanderbosch expressed concerns about the water tower and asked if there were complications with this month's water bill. Mr. Vanderbosch also expressed his disappointment that there was no one representing the Police Department attending the meeting. (*Mayor Carr stated that Randy was with someone downstairs*).

Allen - Ms. Allen stated that asking for an income tax increase was neither easy nor taken lightly. Ms. Allen continues to work on Economic Development. The Flood Exhibit at the library will have presentations for children and adults. There is also a possible donation area for Loveland Flood victims. (David Vornholt will be in touch with Mary regarding additional speakers).

Davidson - Absent

Skeene - Mr. Skeene stated that much thought has been given to the potential income tax.

Feldkamp- Thanked everyone who came to the meeting.

Henry- Absent

Gary Skeene motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: Absent

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: -yes

Mrs. Davidson: Absent

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council