

November 22, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 7 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Mary Allen, Rodney Henry, Amanda Davidson and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Randy Harvey, Police Chief ; Vince Bee , Fire Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Bill Marsh -2423 Country Place

Megan Alley- Clermont Sun

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Henry, Skeene, Feldkamp, Allen, Davidson and Vanderbosch.

Minutes of November 8th were presented for approval. Mary Allen motioned to approve, Seconded by Rodney Henry.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Sewer Expansion Project:

At least 6 new customers are now connected to the village sewer system in the robin Hill/Grays Lane neighborhood. Property owners are still experiencing difficulty in finding responsible contractors at reasonable costs to complete their end of the installation.

The village is sharing names of interested contractors; however we cannot make any recommendations due to liability concerns.

At the May 10, 2016 meeting Council via motion unanimously approved discounted tap fees and payment arrangements through assessing property taxes for property owners tapping in as part of this project. The County Auditor's office has informed us that a reference to an ordinance is required for this. Ordinance 2016-14 is presented for first reading for this purpose.

Paul Vanderbosch requested that the verbiage (bi-annual) be added to Ordinance 2016-14.

Street Closure Requests:

The NROBA is once again sponsoring the River Village Christmas Walk Saturday December 3rd and Saturday December 10th. They are requesting street closures as depicted in the hand out maps. Note there is a rain date for the Santa Paws Parade.

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Informational Mailer:

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review and agree on the contents of the information mailer to be sent to all registered voters in the Village about the tax increase.

Motion was made by Gary Skeene to close the streets on 12/3/2016 from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM for the Santa Paws Parade (rain date 12/10/2016) the street closures are as follows: Front Street from Quarry Street to Union Street , Susanna Way from Union to Western Avenue and Western Avenue from Susanna Way to Washington Street. The streets will also be closed on December 10, 2016 from 4:30 -5:30 PM for the River Village Christmas Parade. Street closures are Western Avenue from Hamilton to Susanna Way, Susanna Way from Hotel Street to Union Street and Front Street from Union Street to Quarry Street, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Randy Harvey, Chief of Police;

Nothing to report.

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

Mayor Carr is asking for volunteers to form 3 Citizens Task Forces. The Mayor feels there is a need for public input and help to educate our citizens with regard to the loss of tax dollars and other revenue to our Police Department and Fire & Emergency Medical Services. Village Council is seeking recommendations and suggestions in order to assist them with the difficult decisions that need to be made. This could be cuts and/or decreased services. The three task forces will be formed in January. The Citizens Task Forces will be made up of volunteer residents, business leaders and village government representatives. These task forces will then make recommendations to Village Council. If you have an interest in serving on one or more of the Task Forces please email the mayor or send a letter of interest in writing no later than December 31, 2016. You must be committed to attend meetings in the evenings or possibly a Saturday morning. You must live in the village or operate a business in the village to be considered. The Citizens Task Forces that will be set up are:

- 1) Safety Services which include: Police, Fire & Emergency Medical Services

- 2) Entertainment District
- 3) Ohio River Bike Trail

Mary Allen suggested that the Safety Services task force should make recommendations to council with council having the final approval. She asks that no votes be taken on the night the recommendations are presented. Paul Vanderbosch asked for clarification as to whether the committees will be set-up as other committees are set-up and established. Mayor Carr affirmed that they would. Mayor Carr also assured that Council will have final say on all matters. Some other questions and concerns were as follows:

- *When do we need to have legislation to the board of elections for possible future levy?*
- *Do we need more of a presence on social media?*
- *Mayor Carr hopes that some of the citizens who expressed concerns during the last elections will volunteer for the individual task force.*
- *May want to look at areas that currently use the sheriff's department.*
- *Include Pierce Twp. When looking at options.*
- *Increase revenue vs. cutting expenses.*
- *Getting estimate from the sheriff department on the services available for the amount we can pay.*
- *Periods of time with no police coverage. (In the event of an accident etc. Dispatch would be contacted and the closest unit available would be dispatched).*
- *Open hr. police shifts are currently being offered as over-time.*
- *Investigate why the income tax failed.*
- *Staunch campaign against the income tax.*
- *Educate public of consequences if future attempts to increase revenue fail.*
- *If the Fire/EMS and police continue to be supplemented by the general fund then other areas of the village will be affected.*
- *Desire to see volunteers for the task force from both sides of the debate.*
- *Seven out of 9 area Safety levies passed.*
- *Conversation with Duke about their plans for their property.*
- *Look into what services can be obtained from Sheriff and Pierce Twp. With a budget of \$350,000*

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:

Nothing to report.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

Nothing to report.

Legislation:

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2016-14: AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING DISCOUNTED TAP FEES AND PAYMENT PLAN FOR ROBIN HILL/GRAYS LANE, COUNTRY PLACE AND INDIAN RIDGE SEWER EXPANSION PROJECTS

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2016-12: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2017
TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

ORDINANCE 2016-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016
APPROPRIATIONS

Third 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

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adopt 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, seconded by Amanda
Davidson.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Mr. Vanderbosch requested an update concerning the ongoing
issue with Mr. Ray Walriven.

Greg- *(Legal Council has advised us we cannot excavate on private property
and not to discuss the issue).*

Mayor Carr- *Mr. Walriven has mentioned a lawyer and once that happens all
discussions must stop. Mayor Carr further mentioned that Mr. Vanderbosch
must refrain from any further discussion of the subject). Mr. Vanderbosch's
name has been mentioned many times in the discussions. Mr. Vanderbosch
requested a copy of the solicitor's advice.*

Allen - updated council for planned flood exhibit

Davidson - Nothing to report

Skeene - Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Nothing to report

Henry- Nothing to report

Megan Alley, Clermont Sun:

**Mrs. Alley stated that all statements made in an open meeting are public
information.**

Randy Harvey, Chief of Police:

One police cruiser is down for at least 45 days. Parts are on back order.

Richard Feldkamp- *Mr. Feldkamp will make a call about parts and try to get
parts quicker.*

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: -yes

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council