

December 27, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, December 27, 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; and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Bill Marsh -2423 Country Place

Megan Alley- Clermont Sun

Leo Hurst- New Richmond Street Dept.

Rob Painter- New Richmond Street Dept.

Ken Shearwood- New Richmond Utilities Dept.

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of December 13th were presented for approval. Richard Feldkamp 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

Visitors:

Rob Painter, New Richmond Street Department:

Mr. Painter presented wage comparison information for some surrounding Townships and Villages. The current wages of the New Richmond Street Department are as follows.

Title	Name	Current Hourly Pay	How many years worked for the Village of New Richmond
Supervisor	Leo Hurst	\$19.06	23 Years
Laborer	Hoss Kidd	\$11.15	11 Years
Laborer	Rob Painter	\$11.15	10.5 Years

Mayor Carr stated that the Personnel and Finance Committee will be looking into the situation in January. Mr. Feldkamp stated that all village employees are underpaid and expressed concerns regarding the failed levy as well as the closing of Beckjord.

Mr. Painter went on to state that if the current employees were to leave it would be very difficult for the village to replace them with equally qualified people.

Ken Shearwood went on to add that Norm Collins son works at a water plant with starting pay of \$16.00 per hour. Norm currently holds 2 licenses and makes \$12.00 per hour.

Greg Roberts stated that there has been some reduction in staff which should free-up some funds.

Mayor Carr appreciates the concerns presented and they will be discussed at the next Finance and Personnel meeting.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Rumpke Contract:

Greg requested council's approval to collect bids for village solid waste removal. The terms and conditions will remain the same as of now with the exception of prohibition of construction debris. Disposal of construction debris is not prohibited under our current contract. Greg also stated that he has had some conversations with Ohio Twp., and they do not currently offer trash removal. All residents are responsible for setting up their own service. The discussion that followed included the following concerns.

- The village has tried other providers and was not happy with the service provided.
- Pleased with the current level of service provided by Rumpke.
- Noise early in the morning.
- Greg has spoken with numerous providers who stated that they do not service our area.
- Rumpke is concerned that they are losing money on our curbside recycling.

Mary Allen motioned to allow Village Administrator Greg Roberts to advertise and accept bids for trash collection, Seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Legal Contracts:

Greg Roberts presented two contracts. The first is for Legal Services of Matthew Faris, the second is an addendum for Mayor's Court. The contracts are the same services as the current one with an hourly pay rate of \$125.00.

Mr. Vanderbosch questioned whether Mr. Faris can legally "approve as to form and content" on his own employment contract.

Motion was made by Richard Feldkamp to approve the contract with Matthew Faris including Legal Services and Mayors Court from December 13th 2016

through December 12th 2018 at a pay rate of \$125.00 per hour, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:
Nothing to report.

Legislation:

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2016-15: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(Clerk's Note) Because it is the last meeting of the year Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird requested that Ordinance 2016:15 be passed as an emergency.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance 2016-15 An ordinance amending the 2016 appropriations and declaring an emergency, seconded by Rodney Henry.

Mr. Vanderbosch expressed concerned about why this was done at the last minute. Greg explained that it is the way we are dealing with the retired sewer loan and balancing out for the end of the year

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-15 An ordinance amending the 2016 appropriations and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mary Allen.

Fund	Appropriation	Previous	New	Purpose
5701 WW Collection System Debt	Debt Payment	20,177	14,350	Lower Payment

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Third 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

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-14: An Ordinance Allowing Discounted Tap Fees and Payment Plan for Robin Hill/Grays Lane, Country Place and Indian Ridge Sewer Expansion Project, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Vanderbosch clarified that the verbiage had been changed to "be assessed to their property taxes in four equal bi-annual". The clerk and Greg Roberts assured him that the verbiage had been changed.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Nothing to report

Allen - Nothing to report

Davidson - Mrs. Davidson requested that all salaries be looked at during the next Finance and Personnel meeting.

Skeene - Nothing to report

Feldkamp- Mr. Feldkamp would like the village to look into possible usages for Unit #6 and jet engines at the power plant. He would like to pursue Duke regarding these issues. He also stated that many residents adjacent to the new sewer line have received a letter from the county stating that residents will need to make connection to the new line within 2 years. Mr. Feldkamp suggested the possibility of running a line to Beech Cove and offering a discount if they become village residents. "They may find it beneficial to annex into the village". There was much discussion about this topic including but not limited to the following:

- Council not being aligned in how to deal with out of village customers
- Any property owners continuous with the village could possibly tie into the sewer and annex into the village.
- Ken Shearwood stated meter readings would need to be purchased if we were to include a whole subdivision
- Exceptions confuse people.

Mrs. Davidson suggested continuing the discussion during committee meetings and that the village needs to consider all possibilities.

Henry- Nothing to report

Rodney Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

Mayor

Clerk of Council