

August 9, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, August 9th 2016 at 7 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen, Rodney Henry and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Randy Harvey, Police Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Patrick Blair- Lights Pointe

Megan Alley - Clermont Sun

Keith Voglesang – Ohio Township Trustee

Bill Marsh -2423 Country Place

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of July 26th were presented for approval. Richard Feldkamp motioned to approve, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Youth Summer Employment Program:

For the past three weeks two students have been assisting the Street Department. They are participants in the summer youth employment funded by Easter Seals. We worked with the school district this year on the program. The program is fully funded by Easter Seals.

Meeting with Congressman Brad Wenstrup:

Mayor Carr and I met with Congressman Brad Wenstrup on Wednesday August 3rd. Discussion centered on National Flood issues, the skyrocketing costs and the impact to the core village. We also discussed the Beckjord closing situation. Other issues discussed were the ash ponds left behind by Beckjord, and assistance with economic development.

ODOT's Maintenance Responsibility Guidelines:

Greg handed out a list of ODOT's maintenance responsibility guidelines regarding mowing and other maintenance issues.

Greg is also looking into coordinating use of Ohio Twp. Vertical mower on Short Hill and possibly Grays Lane.

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Mayor Carr:

Proposed Tax Increase:

Mayor Carr is clarifying what actions the Village and /or Council may take with respect to the proposed tax increase on the November ballot. Solicitor Faris was on vacation.

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

July Financial Statements:

Lynn reported on the July financial statements. Total appropriations for all funds is 47% of the total compared with 58% July year-to-date. Revenue is right at 58%. We received our final property tax payment for 2016 in August: there is \$150,000 shortfall.

Pay the bills:

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 384-2016 through 500-2016 and warrants 35639 through 35666 as listed in the July financial reports, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Sewer Expansion:

Greg indicated that the main sewer line on Grays Lane/Robin Hill has been installed. Discussions about connections with homeowners are on-going. The Indian Ridge installation is underway. The contractor indicates the project could be complete by calendar year end.

Weed Control and Mowing:

Weed control and mowing continue to be an issue throughout the Village. In response to a question from Paul, Greg indicated there is money in the budget to allow Dani Speigel our zoning officer, to work additional hours each week to try to more proactive in citing property owners.

U.S. 52:

Greg investigated maps from the period that U.S. 52 was expanded and re-routed to its present location. There were few buildings that were removed primarily because the area was composed of wetlands. According to ODOT, the New Richmond section of U.S. 52 will not be re-paved this year.

Vince Bee, Chief New Richmond Fire/EMS:

National Night Out:

Chief Bee and Chief Harvey spoke about the National Night Out event and expect to make changes to next year's observance.

Personnel Policies:

Chief Bee suggested that the Personnel Policies section on Social Media be reviewed.

Randy Harvey, Chief of Police:

Les Smith Retirement:

Chief Harvey reported that Officer Les Smith submitted a letter of resignation effective August 19, 2016. The Chief is planning an event to recognize Officer Smith's tenure with the department.

Hiring of Jordan Meinking:

Chief Harvey recommends the hiring of Jordan Meinking as a full-time officer to fill the position left open when Jesse Kidder left: effective August 22, 2016, at \$14.50 per hour and one year probation.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay Les Smith 100% of his accrued sick leave, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Richard Feldkamp motioned to hire Jordan Meinking as a full-time officer to fill the position left open when Jesse Kidder left: effective August 22, 2016, at \$14.50 per hour and one year probation, seconded by Rodney Henry.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Police Officer Candidate Interviews:

The Chief continues to interview candidates and has identified another individual who may be a good fit with the department.

Anderson Township "Insight" publication:

Paul circulated a copy of the Anderson Township "Insight" publication which provides factual information about the need for its proposed levy. After discussion, the consensus was that we need to develop such a publication to distribute to our residents. Paul indicated he would identify and contact marketing/public relations professionals who could help us with this project.

Mary Allen:

Mary Allen emailed her comments and suggestions to Council and Committee members as she was not able to be present at this meeting.

Amanda Davidson, Public Works:

Sewer Expansion:

The project is proceeding well, they are ahead of schedule. If it continues the project will be completed by the end of the year. The signs are working Greg is receiving calls regarding the project because of the signs. An Indian Ridge resident was averse to granting an additional 5ft. easement beyond existing water line easement. Said easement would have simplified meeting EPA water/sewer line clearance requirements and provided more lead way in avoiding an oak tree that the resident had expressed concern for at the public meeting. The contractor can meet EPA requirements without the additional 5ft. easement.

Underground Railroad:

There is one more sign that needs to be installed. Greg is trying to contact the owner for permission because putting the sign in the right-of-way is not desirable

because it couldn't be seen from the sidewalk. Greg is planning to meet with the property owner on August 10th.

Christmas Lights:

The Christmas decorations that we put up every year are in disrepair. The Business Association would like to use the funds earned from the circus to purchase something to replace them. They are looking at decorations that do not get strung across the road for ease of installing.

There was much discussion concerning the lights.

Cemetery:

Members from the former Cemetery Board met last Thursday to discuss having a Volunteer Day at the cemetery to make various improvements including up-righting fallen stones. Some stones would require heavy equipment. Sherri and Steve Light of William Light Paving have suggested they would pave the upper drive at Greenmound Cemetery at material cost.

Mary commended Bill Marsh and Jim Hempfling on the work they have done in the past to upright fallen stones.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Nuisance Ordinance:

Greg Roberts spoke first and talked about the Nuisance Ordinance and the buildings that will be inspected in reference to that ordinance.

Randy Harvey, Chief of Police:

Jordan Meinking:

Chief Harvey recommended hiring Jordan Meinking as a replacement for Jesse Kidder at a starting rate of \$14.50 per hour with a one year probation. He will start on August 22, 2016. Jordan was found through the advertising the Chief has done.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

Injured Firefighter:

Chief Bee has an injured firefighter needing additional testing for an injured shoulder caused on a Mutual Aid run with Monroe Twp.

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

Mayor Carr stated that the reason for Chief Bee's absence is because he is on a squad run.

September 11th remembrance is scheduled for September 10th at 5:00.

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:

Nothing to report.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch -

Allen - Nothing to report.

Davidson - Nothing to report

Skeene - Stated that his neighbor is concerned about the creek near Watkins Hill Cemetery on Watkin Hill Rd. (*Greg will look into it*).

Feldkamp- Nothing to report

Henry- Stated that the Green Beret will be stopping at the VFW for lunch during their motorcycle ride on September 10th. Mr. Henry will verify the time to insure that there will not be a conflict with the September 11th Remembrance.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 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 7:34 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council