

September 13, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 13th 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 ; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Megan Alley - Clermont Sun

Bill Marsh -2423 Country Place

Shirlene Martin- River Rats for Recovery

Teresa Berkley- River Rats for Recovery

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of August 23rd 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

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Water Plant: We switched wells recently which resulted in the need to adjust treatment. (Wells are switched when flow rates reach a predetermined rate or in the case of high water). The plant was producing water with a light brown tint. The water was within safe drinking parameters; however, it was clearly not clear. As of Friday the plant was producing clear water without the tint. Hydrants were flushed to remove as much of the tinted water as possible. We are still receiving customer concerns and complaints today about tinted water. Apparently there is still residual tinted water in the system. We will flush additional lines if the problem persists.

Augusta Street Boat Ramp: Pre-construction meeting is this Friday at 10:00am. With the river finally at lower pool after a very wet summer, the drop-off on the ramp is now causing problems for boaters.

Upcoming Event Street Closure Requests: The Annual NRHS Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Friday October 7th. The committee is requesting street closures per attached map. RiverArts Festival is requesting street closure for Front Street from Walnut to Union for Saturday and Sunday October 15th and 16th.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to close Main Street from Center Street to Front Street, Willow Street from Main to Quarry, Quarry from Willow to Front, Front from Quarry to Susanna Way, Western Ave from Susanna to Washington for the Annual NRHS Homecoming Parade on Friday October 7th from 4:30-7:00 pm. RiverArts Festival is requesting street closure for Front Street from Walnut to Union from 7 am October 15th - 7 pm October 16th; seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Freedom Center Tour: Yesterday over 30 volunteer docents, staff and management of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center visited New Richmond for a tour of Underground Railroad sites. Dr. Clarence Newsome, President of the Freedom Center and Senior Historian, Carl Westmoreland, participated in the tour. The docents were quick to recognize several New Richmond connections to their current exhibits. (Greg would like to thank Bob Lees for helping put the event together).

Personnel & Finance, Paul Vanderbosch:

Fiscal Officer, Lynn Baird:

RITA:

Regional Income Tax Authority (RITA) collects our local earnings taxes from residents and nonresidents who work in the Village. The RITA support program is going well. Approximately 600 residents received mail from RITA asking them to attend Mayor's Court. Instead, two representatives from RITA worked all day with residents to clear any outstanding RITA issues. Many of the residents had RITA taxes withheld from their payroll checks but had not filed an actual return.

August Financial Reports:

Lynn presented the August financial reports. Appropriations are in line with the tax budget as are revenues. The Police Department is at 59% of appropriations even after payment of severance package to Officer Les Smith.

Acceptance of Rates:

A resolution is needed at the September 13th Council meeting to accept the rates sent to us by the County. So far, there is no change in expected real estate taxes from the tax budget.

League for Women Voters:

There is a League of Women Voters candidates' forum on September 27th at the Holiday Inn Eastgate. New Richmond is invited to attend but no decision was made.

Possible Appropriations Change for Sewer Expansion Fund:

An appropriation change may be needed later in the year for the sewer expansion fund.

DOL Overtime Changes:

The DOL overtime changes effective December 1, 2016 affect only two village employees: Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp and Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird. The consensus, depending on additional information about hours, was that Tim Feldkamp's salary should be increased to the DOL threshold and Lynn should be reclassified to hourly employee status. A final decision is not needed until November. (Lynn will look into if Tim is exempt due to being a Fire Fighter).

Letter from OWDA:

Lynn provided a letter from OWDA (Ohio Water Development Authority) complimenting the Village on making the final payment on the existing sewer plant loan.

Pay the bills:

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 418-2016 through 611-2016 and warrants 35667 through 35686 as listed in the monthly financial reports, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Overdoses During Labor Day Weekend:

Police Chief Randy Harvey, Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee and Assistant Fire/EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp discussed the recent increases in overdose call and the one death on Labor Day weekend. All of the first responders have done a great job dealing with the drug issues.

(Mayor Carr asked the audience members representing River Rats for Recovery if they have been contacted about anyone wanting to receive treatment. The River Rats representative stated that they have received one request).

Personnel Changes:

(Richard Feldkamp will discuss personnel changes during his Safety Committee report).

Proposed Income Tax Increase Information:

Paul Vanderbosch distributed a draft of an information piece to be sent to Village residents with respect to the proposed earnings tax increase. Mary Allen Discussed a letter she is sending to her acquaintances. A discussion was held with an agreement for the Committee to meet on Monday September 19th at 4 pm to finalize a mailing piece to be mailed in October.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Randy Harvey, Chief of Police:

Jason Mallott:

Chief Harvey recommended hiring Jason Mallott for a part time position with a starting rate of \$13.00 per hour with one year probation. He does have a dog that is ready to retire. Chief Harvey also mentioned he is interviewing for two open full time positions.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to hire Jason Mallott for a part time position with a starting rate of \$13.00 per hour with one year probation effective 9/13/16, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

Andrew Stigall and Anthony Shank:

Chief Vince Bee recommended hiring Andrew Stigall for part time Firefighter/Paramedic at a starting rate of \$13.00 per hour. He also would like to put Anthony Shank on as a pay per call member.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to hire Andrew Stigall for a part time Firefighter/Paramedic position with a starting rate of \$13.00 per hour and add Anthony Shank as a pay per call member both with one year probation effective 9/13/16, seconded by Rodney Henry.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Resignations:

Chief Bee submitted resignations for Glen Gregory, Donnie Haun, Greg Lang, Scott Light, Chris Mullins, Anthony Smith and Jennifer Wiesmann. It should be noted that they are all leaving in good standing.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to accept the resignations of Glen Gregory, Donnie Haun, Greg Lang, Scott Light, Chris Mullins, Anthony Smith and Jennifer Wiesmann in good standing ,effective 9/13/16, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Culvert at Gray's Lane:

Greg Roberts talked about the culvert being out at Gray's Lane. He has received one bid so far of \$14,000.00 and is checking for other bids.

Clermont County Drug Free:

It was mentioned that Clermont County Drug Free will be at the Market Street school on September 29th from 6-8 pm. River Rats representatives stated that the night should be very informative.

Mary Allen, Public Works:

Mary Allen presented the minutes because Amanda Davidson was absent from the Public Works meeting.

Sewer:

Greg advised that there have been several issues coming up the hill to Little Indian. There was a water outage not related to the sewer line expansion on Indian Ridge. There was a very unusual situation with a couple of our Street and Water

Department employees being out for various, legitimate reasons. Our sewer contractor stepped up and fixed the problem for us. Greg said he was very appreciative and plans to pay for that piece of work that was not part of sewer expansion. Grinder pumps have arrived and there are no timing issues.

Frank Willis Paving:

People have been complaining about the paving on Clermontville Laurel and patching on Frank Willis. Both are county roads and complaints should go to Clermont County.

Sewer Request from Mr. Scheu and the Little Indian Boat Club:

Greg has done some investigating and there's already an easement where the sewer could run. Also, they are already one of our water customers and have a tap and meter. Per Greg's recommendation, we'd like Council to entertain a policy change to allow current water customers to tap into the sewer at a higher rate and pay all costs. We'd like this to also apply during sewer expansion for those close by- where we have water customers who are outside the Village limits. There have already been a few exceptions to the policy in the past. So for the Little Indian Boat Club and anyone given this exception; there would be one water tap and one sewer tap. No sub-dividing would be allowed without annexation into the Village. *If they are already a water customer, no reductions and no free grinder pumps. There was much discussion concerning this matter. Some concerns were as follows.*

- *Exceptions have been made in the past regarding water customers*
- *The village foregoing earnings and real estate taxes*
- *Not gaining possible sewer tap ins*
- *Little Indian Boat Club is a non-profit*
- *Not following the policy that is currently in place*
- *Voting to make policy changes*
- *If customer is within 200 feet of a sewer line and their septic fails we have to allow them to tap in. (Greg stated that New Richmond rules trump County rules) If this situation were to occur then the customer would have to pay all fees in to annex into the village and tap in.*
- *Mayor Carr would like a list compiled of water customers who are not located within the village limits.*
- *The water lines located outside of the village were installed decades ago*

Family Dollar Move:

A project manager has been assigned. This is a small step, but this is still progress.

Cemetery:

Steve and Sherri Light have told us they would help with paving the cemetery. They will give us a material only quote. There have been discussions to have a volunteer day to do some cemetery work. The cemetery software still needs to be installed. The accounting component must be installed in order for the cemetery component to be installed. Greg will work with Lynn to see when this can be accomplished.

Mary Allen, Economic Development Committee:

1937 Flood Exhibit:

Progress is being made on the 1937 Flood Exhibit. The Library has agreed to host the exhibit.

Ohio Valley Goodwill:

Ohio Valley Goodwill was in New Richmond during Riverdays. They received 300 lbs. of donations and were pleased with the amount. We asked them about

putting a Goodwill store here, but they were non-committal. But they said at some future point, they might consider putting a mobile donation unit here on a regular basis.

Ohio Economic Development Association Annual Summit:

Mary has identified an Ohio Economic Development association Annual Summit that will be held in Columbus. It's scheduled for October 19-21, 2016 and she's seriously thinking of attending it. She has shared the information with Greg Roberts, since she thinks it would also be beneficial for him to attend.

Randy Harvey, Chief of Police;

Nothing to report

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief;

Chief Bee apologized for leaving and wanted to thank Monroe, Pierce and New Richmond Fire Dept. for their help during a fire at the apartments on Bethel-New Richmond Rd.

Legislation:

First Reading:

RESOLUTION 2016-10: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion was made by Paul Vanderbosch to suspend the three reading rule for Resolution 2016-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Motion was made by Paul Vanderbosch to adopt Resolution 2016-10 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

RESOLUTION 2016-11: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2016-12: A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND CLERK OF COUNCIL TO ATTEND PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING ON 9\16\16 AS DESIGNEE FOR THE MEMBERS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Motion was made by Gary Skeene to suspend the three reading rule for **RESOLUTION 2016-12** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND CLERK OF COUNCIL TO ATTEND PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING ON 9\16\16 AS DESIGNEE FOR THE MEMBERS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY , seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: yes	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Motion was made by Gary Skeene to adopt **RESOLUTION 2016-12** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND CLERK OF COUNCIL TO ATTEND PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING ON 9\16\16 AS DESIGNEE FOR THE MEMBERS OF VILLAGE COUNCIL AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mr. Henry: yes	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Ramona Carr, Mayor:

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:
Nothing to report.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Nothing to report

Allen - Mary would like to send a letter to her constituents and acquaintances regarding the proposed income tax increase. (Paul Vanderbosch would like to consult with Matt Faris regarding the matter). Mary stated that she would send it personally and pay for all related cost.

Davidson - Nothing to report

Skeene - Gary thanked Chief Bee for his newsletter article in the September Village newsletter.

Feldkamp- Nothing to report

Henry- Nothing to report

River Rats for Recovery:

Clermont County Recovery is coming to New Richmond to offer a Narcan Training on September 23rd. (*Mayor Carr is consulting with Solicitor Matt Faris about the location of the training and any liability connected with it*). The training and Narcan are being supplied by Clermont Recovery Center.

Amanda Davidson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm, 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 8:02 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council