

September 26, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Present: Gary Skeene, Richard Feldkamp, Amanda Davidson, Rodney Henry, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council, Greg Roberts, Village Administrator, Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief, Mike Couch, Chief of Police

Also attending:

Gene and Minta Colvin- P.O. Box 36
Todd Wuerdeman-300 Susanna Way
Karey Herrin- 303 Columbia Street
Darin Walriven- 320 Columbia Street
Tim Willis- 311 Columbia Street
Chris and Jamie Burton- 117 Regatta Drive

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of September 12th were presented for approval. Amanda Davidson 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:

Chris Burton- 117 Regatta Drive

Mr. Burton expressed his excitement regarding the potential projects the village has been discussing. He also expressed his thanks to the elected officials for being so pro-active.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Sewer Expansion Project:

The project is wrapping up with the contractor completing yard restorations and grinder pump installations. We hope to finish the project in the next week to two weeks.

OPWC Grant:

Our OPWC Grant application appears to have scored well compared to other county projects.

Grays Lane Paving:

The paving is complete and looks very good.

Mike Couch, Police Chief:

Information presented by Chief Couch as follows:

- Thomas Collopy submitted his resignation on 9/23/2017, effective 10/1/2017. Reasons given were as follows.
 - Bethel Police Department is closer to his home.
 - Take home car.
 - Salary is \$17.50 to start.
 - No monthly medical premiums.
 - \$1,000 medical deductible for his family.
- Jordan Meinking submitted his resignation 9/20/2017, effective 10/2/2017. Reasons given were as follows.
 - Clermont County Sherriff's Department. (Start at jail)
 - Dream job is to be a road deputy and this how he will get his foot into the door.
 - \$21.50 starting pay.
 - Excellent medical benefits.
 - In his resignation, he would like to remain in a part-time role working approximately 20 hours per week.
- Jason Mallott submitted a letter of interest for one of the full-time positions.
 - K-9 officer with excellent experience and credentials.
 - Up to date training skills.
 - Leads department in drug arrests and interdiction.
It was mentioned during council that officer Mallott is interested in 36 hours and 4 hours of canine training.
- 2018 Dodge Charger has been ordered.
- Firearms training is scheduled for this Friday.
- Use of force and firearms policy has been updated and ready for council approval.
Mayor Carr asked Chief Couch to send the policy to council to review.
- Chief Couch will be interviewing two potential auxiliary officers tomorrow.
- Officers mandatory CPT hours will be completed by 11/15/2017
- State average starting salary for police /deputies is \$48,000. The starting salaries for surrounding areas are as follow.
 - Pierce Township - \$52,000
 - Clermont County-\$45,000
 - Felicity- \$10 per hour part-time
 - Bethel- around \$36,500
- Police Chief Couch spent three afternoons at the intersection of Bethel-New Richmond Rd. and Greenmound. He found average speed and no violations.
- We need to identify a vendor to purchase the new equipment for the Charger. Lee Trost (p/t officer has a local business.. may be a conflict of interest.) *We will check with the solicitor.*
- The current auxiliary officers are of no assistance on the schedule.
- Ken Frasure is scheduled to return to duty on 10/2/2017
- Chief Couch would like to post 1-2 full time positions a or 1 patrol sergeant.
- Officer Meinking probation is up.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to accept the resignation of Thomas Collopy effective October 1, 2017, and Jordan Meinking full-time position effective October 2, 2017 and remain with the department part-time 16-20 hours per week, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Discussion:

Will check into pay-scale and make pay retro-active at the next council meeting.

****Clerks Note: After research the clerk found that Jordan Meinking received a raise on his anniversary date of 8/22/2017.*

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mayor Carr instructed Chief Couch to post the available positions.

Fire/EMS Chief, Vince BEE:

- Nothing to report.

Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:

- Clerk Painter informed council they had received information regarding the 2017 Ohio Municipal League Annual Conference on November 1st -3rd

Ramona Carr, Mayor: Mayor Carr stated that the League for Women Voters Meet the Candidates event is scheduled for Oct. 12th at 7pm in the New Richmond Elementary School Gym. The village will include the event information in the Newsletter, on the Public Board, in the water bill and on Nixle. Mayor Carr appointed Janice Gilpin to a new 5 year term on the Income Tax Board of Appeals.

Legislation:

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2017-19: An ordinance adding stop signs in the Riverview Bluffs neighborhood

RESOLUTION 2017-12: A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application to the Clermont County Park District 2017 Community Parks Improvement Grant Program and declaring an emergency

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to suspend the Three Reading Rule for **RESOLUTION 2017-12:** A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application to the Clermont County Park District 2017 Community Parks Improvement Grant Program and declaring an emergency, seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Amanda Davidson motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2017-12:** A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to submit an application to the Clermont County Park District 2017 Community Parks Improvement Grant Program and declaring an emergency., seconded by Gary Skeene.

Discussion:

- ***Small grant***
- ***County has funds available since the levy passed***
- ***Greg proposed the Rose Vesper Park. If we receive the grant funds would be spent on special mulch for the playground and 1 bench.***

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to suspend the Three Reading Rule for ORDINANCE 2017-19: An ordinance adding stop signs in the Riverview Bluffs neighborhood AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY., seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adopt ORDINANCE 2017-19: An ordinance adding stop signs in the Riverview Bluffs neighborhood AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY., seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Second Reading:

ORDINANCE 2017-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 APPROPRIATIONS

Fund	Appropriation	Previous	New	Purpose
General	Tax Collection	24,375.24	33,375.00	Subpoena Program and Collections
Drug Dog	Operating	0.00	1,191.67	Expenses related to dog

Third Reading:

None

Old Business:

None

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Mr. Vanderbosch expressed concerns about unleashed dogs. Mayor Carr stated that Animal Control has picked up several dogs in the village. Mike Couch briefly explained the Ordinance related to this issue. He feels the Ordinance is able to be enforced. Mr. Vanderbosch also expressed concern over dog owner’s non-removal of feces. Mayor Carr asked that something be placed in the newsletter regarding this issue.

Allen – Ms. Allen presented the September 26th Economic Development Committee Meeting Summary. Summary is as follows.

- Members present: Greg Roberts (Village Administrator), Mike Findlan (Planning Commission Chairman), David Vornholt (NROBA), Mary Allen, Chairwoman
- Members absent: Betsy Price, Gary Skeene, Bob Lees, Misty Trout
- Discussion included:
 - Updated Vision/Mission Action Plan

- Members were given updated versions of the documents Mary shared with council. Members were asked to bring their last-minute changes so we could share our final draft with Council during the September 26th meeting.
- Members of council were given the following attachments.
 - 2017/2018 Economic Development Vision Mission
 - 2017/2018 Economic Development Key Initiatives
 - 500 Families Housing Initiative
 - 2017/2018 Economic Development Action Plan

Davidson – Nothing to report

Skeene – Nothing to report

Feldkamp-Nothing to report

Henry-Nothing to report

Comments from audience:

Todd Wuerdeman-300 Susanna Way

Mr. Wuerdeman expressed concerns about stray animals being put out in front of his home. He has taken several to the Peppermint Pig to be check for micro-chip identification. Amanda Davidson asked about the possibility of installing cameras to observe these types of offenses. Mayor Carr thanked Mr. Wuerdeman for his care of the animals.

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

Mayor

Clerk of Council