

**September 27 2016**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 27th 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:

Bill Marsh -2423 Country Place

Mike Finland- NR Planning Commission

Scott Wolf-128 Front Street, New Richmond

Bobby Hinson- 850 Old 52

Karen Craig- 819 Front Street

Brandie Klette- 117 Market Street

Charles Buckingham- 117 Lights Pointe Court

Tim Feldkamp- NRFEMS

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of September 13th were presented for approval. Gary Skeene 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:**

**Bobby Hinson:**

Bobby Hinson came to council with some concerns regarding the new sewer system. Mr. Hinson stated that he contacted Village Administrator Greg Roberts two weeks ago requesting that a meeting be setup between himself and the engineer/contractor overseeing the project. Mr. Hinson stated that he never heard back from Greg or the contractor. Greg indicated that he had communicated Mr. Hinson's request to the engineer/contractor and that the engineer/contractor has been trying to get in touch with Mr. Hinson in regards to his concerns. Mr. Hinson had several concerns regarding the current situation. Some of the concerns were as follows:

- Not happy with the original presentation made by the engineer/contractor
- The utility clerk not being able to accept tap fees
- Greg not returning calls
- Request that the minutes be checked for the original promise regarding sewer on Gray's Lane and Robin Hill
- Mr. Hinson has numerous questions about the sewer

*Mayor Carr invited Mr. Hinson to attend the Public Works meeting to present his questions. The next meeting will be on October 10th at 6 PM.*

**Scott Wolf:**

Mr. Wolf stated that he is receiving numerous calls from people about connecting various components for the new sewer. Some people may need to upgrade their electrical service in order to connect. Mr. Wolf needs answers about the location of pits, grinder pumps etc. He would like to get his questions answered in order to provide quotes to people needing the work completed.

*Mayor Carr stated that Greg can try to get the engineer to attend the Public Works meeting.*

*Mr. Hinson had some documentation that he received from someone on the sewer installation crew. Greg stated that the documents were not for the system that we are installing.*

**Bill Marsh:**

Mr. Marsh is also in need of additional information regarding the sewer installation in order to get quotes from contractors to do the work needed on his home. Mr. Marsh expressed concerns regarding power outages. He is also having trouble getting bids for the work he needs done.

*Village Administrator, Greg Roberts made several statements regarding the sewer*

- *In the case of a prolonged power outage we would need to use generators and/or a septic pump service in order to prevent backups.*
- *Final testing begins as early as next week.*
- *Residents will begin meeting with the engineer about the location of grinder pumps.*
- *Greg will divert questions/concerns to the engineers.*
- *The original presentation was based on financials.*
- *Homeowners are required to shut down existing septic and should contact the county health department with any questions.*
- *Understands why Mr. Hinson is upset and would like to apologize to him.*
- *Mary Allen would like a meeting involving the engineer, Mr. Hinson and Mr. Wolf to be setup. She also feels that homeowners should have someone they can speak with.*
- *Paul Vanderbosch feels that everything should be explained in a way that homeowners can understand.*
- *Bill Marsh stated that contractors are not returning his calls.*
- *Greg stated that he has given contractors that have contacted him all of the information they needed. The county has a list of contractors that they consider qualified for septic.*

- *The village cannot make any recommendations for contractors due to liability issues.*
- *It is up to the homeowners to select their own contractors.*

*Mayor Carr instructed Greg to contact the engineer tomorrow (9/28/2016) regarding the situation.*

**Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

**Water Plant:**

This notice was sent out via Nixle email and attached to the home page of the village web-site [www.newrichmond.org](http://www.newrichmond.org).

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**Discolored Water in New Richmond's Primary Water System:**

It has come to our attention that there has been much traffic on social media outlets concerning discolored water in households serviced by the village's primary water system. The Village Administrator reported the following at the September 13th Council meeting.

Water Plant: We switched wells recently which resulted in the need to adjust treatment. 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 complaints today about tinted water; apparently there is still residual tinted water in the system. We will flush additional lines if the problem persists.

A more detailed report was published in the Clermont Sun on Thursday September 22nd which encouraged residents to contact the village to report any concerns about the water. Fifteen individuals have contacted either the administrator or the utility office since September 7th.

Water Department personnel have been responding to specific customer reports to the Utility Department since the initial report. The issue was first called to our attention by a Front Street resident on Friday September 9th. Subsequent to the notification the Water Department verified that the water produced at the water plant at that time was clear.

On Friday morning September 23rd, water department personnel discovered that the tint had returned due to a malfunction of the filtering system designed to remove iron that occurs naturally in the water. The filtering system was immediately corrected and the plant returned to producing clear water. Since this time the water department has been working overtime to closely monitor the output of the plant. Since that time water produced at the plant has been clear. Once again there is residual tinted water in the system which will need to be flushed from the system. We appreciated customers` patience and assistance in addressing the issue.

Utility Office 513-553-2001

Administration 513-553-4146

*Greg stated that there was a reporter here from Fox 19 today .The reporter received information regarding the water problem via Facebook. Greg gave him the previous tinted water handout. Greg listed potential situations that could be causing problems.*

- *A recent fire depleting water in the wells.*
- *Pressure test performed on the sewer lines.*
- *Water line breakage.*

*New EPA regulations regarding water were also discussed. (Chanel 9 made an inaccurate report recently). Paul Vanderbosch stated that it is unfortunate that the discolored water and the lead scare happened at the same time. They have nothing to do with one another. Greg stated that there were numerous problems with the water test done that found lead. It is not the homeowners fault. Testing is very difficult with many stipulations. There was much discussion regarding this situation.*

**Family Dollar:**

Construction has begun on the old D&M Motel lot for a new stand-alone Family Dollar Store. This will open an opportunity for a new business to locate in the center that the current store will be vacating.

Grays Lane Culvert Replacement:

We have received only one formal bid of \$14,960.00 from Cornerstone Development Inc. for replacing the washed out culvert on Grays Lane. The bid includes the following:

- Removal of the existing culvert pipes and install 36 inch diameter concrete pipe in the street
- Cut Grays Lane in to remove old pipe and install new one.
- Gravel to bed new pipe and fill the trench to the spring line of the pipe.
- 36 inch diameter concrete pipe.
- Supply and install 2 foot thick, interlocking concrete block to create a head wall for both ends of the new pipe. These pipes will also fill in the hole in the stone wall that was damaged by the water.
- Supply and place LSM flow-able fill to fill in the street for the sub grade and black top patch.
- Supply and place the black top to patch the street back.
- The village will need to provide the Road Closed signs and have the council to vote on the road closure.
- Estimate is valid for 30 days and was given on 8/31/2016.

Greg requested council approval to accept the proposal which is consistent with the County Engineer's recommended repair.

*Mayor Carr stated that this may need to be done as a Resolution.*

*Rodney Henry stated that the reason we are struggling getting bids is because most contractors are busy this time of year.*

Council person Gary Skeene motioned to accept the bid of \$14,960.00 from Cornerstone Development Inc. to replace the washed out culvert on Grays Lane and provide the necessary road closures and signs needed to complete the project, Seconded by Rodney Henry.

*Paul Vanderbosch expressed concerns of approving a one bid expenditure.*

*Greg stated that the culvert needs to be treated as an emergency.*

Mr. Henry: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

**Randy Harvey, Chief of Police;**

Nothing to report.

**Legislation:**

**Second Reading:**

**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**

**Ramona Carr, Mayor:**

**Kelly Painter, Clerk of Council:**

Gave council information regarding the Ohio Municipal League Conference to be held in Columbus on October 26th-28th.

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Vanderbosch** - Presented minutes from the Special Personnel & Finance Committee meeting held September 21st at 4 PM. The special meeting was held to provide input for the Tax Increase Education Information packet to be mailed to all registered voters prior to the November 8th election. Paul and Mary reviewed the drafts each had prepared. Mary agreed to combine and edit the two documents for the next Council meeting. Chief Bee and Chief Harvey agreed to provide some "bullet point" items to be included in the information.

**Allen** - presented changes in the informational material for voters regarding the proposed income tax. Ms. Allen needs more information from Vince and Randy to complete the material. Paul Vanderbosch expressed some concerns regarding the material and would like Greg and Lynn to finish the document. Mr. Feldkamp feels that it should be shorter and more to the point. Mayor Carr stated that the department heads are coming up with a postcard sized document as well. Paul Vanderbosch stated that Greg, Lynn, Vince and Randy will finalize the document. Mayor Carr stated that Council will need to make final approval at the next council meeting. Ms. Allen also stated that she would like to attend an Economic Development Conference and has already paid . She will worry about reimbursement at a later date. She also announced that due to the high amount of donations received during RiverDays Goodwill has decided to place a self-contained donation trailer in the parking lot of New Richmond IGA. The trailer will be manned 8 AM until 8 PM seven days a week. The unit is scheduled to arrive on Monday October 3, 2016. If the trailer receives enough donations for 2 years then Goodwill will consider a store.

**Davidson** - Can't attend OML conference due to work obligations.

**Skeene** - Nothing to report

**Feldkamp**- Nothing to report

**Henry**- Nothing to report

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm, 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 8:12 pm.

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**