

June 14, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, June 14th 2016 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Feldkamp, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen, and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief; and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt -310 Susanna Way

Bill Marsh- 2423 Country Place

Megan Alley- Clermont Sun

Keith Vogelsang-Ohio Township Trustee

Lynn Baird- Village Fiscal Officer

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by the Clerk with Feldkamp, Davidson, Allen, and Vanderbosch answering present.

Paul Vanderbosch asked for a moment of silence to show respect for Council Member Richard Hilt.

Minutes of May 24th were presented for approval. Mary Allen noted one correction to be made. The Miller Circus had approximately 1600 total guest in attendance. Mary Allen motioned to approve, Seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: - absent

Mrs. Davidson: abstain (absent at the May 24th meeting).
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

David Vornholt:

N.R.O.B.A. Report:

Mr. Vornholt and Scott Henson met with Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird about the revenue that has been lost and the future revenue that will be lost as a result of the closing of the Beckjord Station and the state budget. Mrs. Baird also explained the procedures for expenditures. N.R.O.B.A. members Mr. Vornholt and Mr. Henson then reported to the N.R.O.B.A. the information obtained during the meeting with Mrs. Baird. Council members Mary Allen and Gary Skeene as well as Village Administrator Greg Roberts also attended the meeting in order to answer any questions the members had. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Skeene and Ms. Allen were able to answer several questions the members had.

- What about the 1% tax the village already has? The 1% tax the Village currently has kept the village from going bankrupt. It has also kept the Police and Fire Dept. running.
- Does the village have a rainy day fund? No we don't have a rainy day fund however, we do have carry over.

Ms. Allen- "Economic Development will take years, not months. We don't want to wait until 2018 to bring in more money. We want to keep/increase emergency services, not the general fund." Ms. Allen also stated that it was a good conversation, and they were able to answer many questions the members had.

Mr. Vornholt also stated that Tammy Swisshelm will stay on as President of the Business Association.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Sewer Expansion:

Work commenced along Old 52 last Monday. There is minimal trenching associated with installing the main and laterals for this system. The contractor is experiencing some difficulty in boring under Grays Lane due to limestone in the ground.

Two of the four property owners along Old 52 beyond Grays Lane within the village limits have expressed interest in tapping in to the expanded sewer system. This would require a line extension further down Old 52 that is not in the current plan. Engineers are getting cost estimates for this.

Information meetings with property owners were held to provide the basic financial and technical information and to answer questions. Both meetings were well attended and boisterous. Meetings with individual property owners in Robins Hill/Grays Lane neighborhood should commence late next week. Technical details of placement of grinder pumps and attachment to homeowners system need to be worked out with each resident opting to tap in.

Mr. Vanderbosch suggested posting a sign informing people about the sewer project.

Obsolete Village Hall Equipment:

Village Administration has three (3) and the Police Department has seven (7) broken and / or obsolete desk top computers. The hard drives have been removed. Chief Harvey and I are requesting a motion to allow proper disposal of this equipment and removal from village inventory.

Kelly and Jan are compiling a list of peripheral computer equipment. We intend to place marketable equipment on the auction site. We will present a list of broken and obsolete items at next council meeting and request authorization to dispose at that time.

Mr. Feldkamp motioned to approve the disposal of Village Administrations three (3) and the Police Departments seven (7) broken and / obsolete desk top computers as well as broken or obsolete administrative equipment, and place marketable items on the auction site, Seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.

	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: - absent	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Riversweep:

Riversweep will be this Saturday June 18th from 9-12. Greg intends to volunteer.

Sycamore Band:

The Sycamore Band will be performing Friday June 17th at 7 at the Bandstand.

Frontline Documentary:

Greg encouraged Council to go online to PBS- Frontline to watch the documentary (Business of Disaster) The documentary explains what is going on between FEMA and Insurance companies following a disaster.

Paul Vanderbosch, Personnel and Finance:

Mayor Carr: Mayor Carr indicated that the Village is accepting letters of interest from residents to fill the unexpired term of Council member Rick Hilt (expires December 2017) until June 22nd 2016. Council has 30 days to appoint a new Councilperson; if Council is unable to reach a decision, the Mayor would then appoint the Councilperson. Council will receive copies of all letters of interest and would be asked to nominate and appoint someone at the June 28th 2016 meeting.

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

Lynn distributed the May financial report and stated that revenue and expenses are tracking according to appropriations. Lynn also discussed potential revenue increases from a property tax increase as well as from an increase in the earnings tax. Both increases would require voter approval in November. The property tax option would go to R.I.T.A. which would assist with ballot language. The timeline for both options is similar but Lynn did not have all the information needed to be specific at the meeting. Lynn also distributed the tax budget which will have a first reading at the June 14th Council meeting.

Everything must be completed by the August 9th meeting to meet the deadline to place a levy on the ballot in November.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Sewer Expansion Project

Greg reported on two meetings held with residents about the sewer expansion: the session with the Grays Lane/Robin Hill residents went well both the meeting with the Country Place/Indian Ridge residents was not as peaceful. About half of the residents indicated they would tap into the new line.

Randy Harvey, Police Chief:

"What if" Budget:

The Chief presented a "what if" full staffing, properly equipped police department budget as requested. Based on his assumptions for staffing and equipment, the annual appropriations for the Police Department would increase from approximately \$600,000 in the current year to more than \$1.1 million in 2017. The budget includes increased pay and officers on duty during peak times. Pay needs to increase due to the large turn-over and losing officers to higher paying positions elsewhere. Chief Harvey reported there are 18 "open shifts" in the schedule, meaning that there is less than 24/7 coverage in the Village. Six individuals applied to take the police officer entry test, two of the six passed the test and will be receiving additional follow-up.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

Concrete Repair:

Chief Bee would like to move forward with several maintenance projects including the concrete repair at the Hamilton Street station. Because the funds are appropriated, there did not seem to be a good reason not to proceed.

"What if" Budget:

Chief Bee has not yet completed his "What if" budget that would provide desired coverage and staffing.

Personnel Changes:

The Chief recommends hiring Jeremy Wharff as a part-time paramedic at \$12.50 per hour; Misty Westgerdes as a pay per call volunteer; promoting Matt Abercrombie from pay per call lieutenant to pay per call captain.

Jeremy Wharff declined the position he was offered because he accepted an offer of a full time position at another entity.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to approve the hiring of Misty Westgerdes as a pay per call volunteer; and promotion of Matt Abercrombie from pay per call lieutenant to pay per call captain, Seconded by Mr. Feldkamp.

	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: - absent	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Pay the bills:

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to pay bills 237-2016 through 348-2016 and warrants 35586 through 35608 as listed in the May financial reports, seconded by Mr. Feldkamp.

	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: - absent	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mary Allen, Public Works:

Sewer Expansion (Indian Ridge, Country Place, and Grays Lane/Robin Hill):

Sewer Expansion started last week and informational meetings with residents are in progress. There has been more boring vs. trench digging which means there is less damage to yards. There

is an issue with the sewer line positioning along Pond Run Rd. relative to the water lines and Greg will be attempting to meet with Ohio Township Trustees within the next day or two to see if a change in design, allowing us to put the sewer line on the Ohio Township side of the road, can be approved.

Cemetery:

There were several issues that arose with the cemetery within the past month that are now resolved.

One involved the potential burial of an indigent village resident. Thorough follow-up vs. hasty action resulted in several things:

1. It was determined that the person was not a legal resident of New Richmond.
2. Family members of the individual were identified and they will cover the expenses to give the man a proper burial.
3. Because of one and two, the Village had cost avoidance for the burial costs that weren't legally ours.

Mary Allen, Economic Development:

Economic Development is trying to set-up an interim meeting.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

New Richmond Soccer Fields:

Greg spoke about the New Richmond Soccer Fields and safety concerns brought forward by Duke Energy. New Richmond Soccer Assoc. lease was not renewed for the fields on Old 52. Duke claims this is due to safety concerns caused by the Beckjord Plant destruction. Greg expressed numerous concerns about safety "if the soccer fields aren't used due to safety, what about other areas close to the demolition site?" Mayor Carr stated that the soccer association received a letter two years ago informing them that their lease would not be renewed.

New Richmond Street Department:

Greg reported that the loose bricks at the Street Department have been repaired.

Randy Harvey, Chief of Police:

Chief Harvey stated that he has two applicants that passed the test they were given. The future police budget was also presented and will be given to the Finance Committee.

Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief:

Chief Bee has three firefighters that are in class to move to Level Two Firefighter. Chief Bee stated that the three firefighters scheduled to attend the Level Two Firefight class could not attend the class because it was cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Legislation:

First Reading:

ORDINANCE 2016-10: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2017 TAX BUDGET

RESOLUTION 2016-07: AN RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

RESOLUTION 2016-08: A RESOLUTION HONORING RICHARD HILT

Third Reading:

ORDINANCE 2016-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Vanderbosch expressed concerns about having a first reading of the Comprehensive Plan without seeing it prior to this meeting.

Ms. Allen responded that she compiled 50% of the information and her portion has been available for 2 years.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-09: An Ordinance amending the 2016 appropriations, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Skeene: - absent	Ms. Allen: yes
	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg read Resolution 2016-08: An Resolution honoring Richard Hilt.

Mr. Vanderbosch suggested suspending the three reading rule for Resolution 2016-08. Council could not suspend the rule because it takes 5 votes to pass and there were only four Council members present.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Mr. Vanderbosch handed out an article from the Cincinnati Enquirer "Anderson asking 'What's Next?' at upcoming public workshop". Mr. Vanderbosch stated that "this is the way a Comprehensive Plan should be done."

Allen - Ms. Allen stated that "we did surveys and received public in-put while developing our Comprehensive Plan."

Davidson - Mrs. Davidson extended her thanks for Council's support during her family's time of need.

Skeene - absent

Feldkamp - Nothing to report

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Skeene: -absent	Ms. Allen: yes
	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council