

January 27, 2015

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Richard Feldkamp; Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Donna Hammons, Clerk; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Kelly Doran - Clermont Sun

Bill Marsh - Cemetery Board

Floyd Henderson - Police Officer

Patrick Blair - 101 Light's Pointe Court

Vice Mayor Hilt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Hilt informed those present that Mayor Carr is absent because of a family emergency.

Minutes for January 13th were presented for approval. Davidson motioned to adopt. Seconded by Feldkamp.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch asked about Vice Mayor Hilt voting. Hammons answered that he is still a council member and is only chairing this meeting. Also, if for some reason both the Mayor and Vice Mayor were unavailable, then the remaining council members would choose one of themselves to chair the meeting.

**Floyd Henderson, Police Officer:**

He had the December 2014 statistics from the Police Department. Everyone received a copy.

**Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

Rapidly changing temperature and precipitations are a challenge to road crews.

Monday morning's icy roads exposed a communication issue that he is committed to address prior to the next snow/ice event. A simple protocol will be re-established with NRPD for on-duty officers to notify the street department and village administrator.

Salt truck drivers will be equipped with cell phones to report emergencies.

A water leak has developed under Short Hill Road. This line serves one customer and a fire hydrant on Short Hill. The Water Department is exploring options to re-route the service line from Bethel-New Richmond Road and take the problem line under Short Hill out of service.

ODOT has confirmed plans to pave U.S. 52 this fall. Discussion about sidewalks that terminate at riverside of Sycamore Street will be taken up at the next Safety/Laws/Rules Committee.

Back in September the Google Street View camera vehicle canvassed the village. Street View of New Richmond is now up and running on the web at [www.whatwasthere.com](http://www.whatwasthere.com). Plug in "New Richmond, Ohio" at the prompt and see "what was there" in various locations in town.

Vanderbosch asked about progress with getting a new telephone system in village hall. Roberts answered that Cincinnati Bell has not provided a quote and he is going to contact other service providers.

Vanderbosch asked about the utility billing software. Roberts said it will allow for e-billing and letters will be sent out notifying customers different options the software will provide. Allen wants to be sure that those residents that prefer a paper bill will still have one mailed.

Vanderbosch asked if Duke had been contacted about LED light bulbs in the street lights. Roberts replied he has not gotten to this yet.

An ordinance adopting the Ohio Basic Code has been received and needs to be passed as an emergency. Feldkamp motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Feldkamp motioned to adopt **ORDINANCE 2015-3 APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2015 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW RICHMOND, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-1 APPROVING THE WAIVING OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR GREG ROBERTS, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-2 APPROVING THE WAIVING OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR RANDY HARVEY, POLICE CHIEF**

**SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-1 AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2015 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D)**

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Vanderbosch** - the assembly is diminished by the absence of our Mayor.

**Allen** - nothing to report

**Davidson** - nothing to report

**Skeene** - nothing to report

**Feldkamp**- He has reviewed the packet regarding the employees. He feels we have a fine group of employees.

**Hilt** - Finance/Personnel met on January 14th to review appropriations with Police Chief Harvey. Harvey mentioned that he would like to purchase a new cruiser this year. Manpower requirements for the future as full-time officers retire or part-timers leave for better opportunities elsewhere.

Finance/Personnel met on January 21st to review appropriations with Village Administrator Greg Roberts. Most of the discussion centered round staffing or outsourcing. Roberts presented the committee with projects he plans to complete during his first six-months and first year on the job. Since the committee did not complete reviewing the General Fund Appropriations, the committee will finalize the discussion at our next regular Finance/Personnel meeting on February 9th.

Feldkamp motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Skeene.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council