

February 9, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, February 9th 2016 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen, Richard Hilt and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Randy Harvey, Police Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt 310 Susanna Way

Bill Marsh 2423 Country Place

Karey Herrin

Keith Herrin

Sydney Kilgore

Keith Vogelsang 2650 State Route 132

David and Chris Dixon 9 Little Indian Trail

Matthew Faris Village Solicitor

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of January 26th were presented for approval. Feldkamp motioned to approve. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mayor Carr

The Village received a thank you from the Ohio Valley Chapter American Merchant Marine Veterans, for its cooperation and generosity.

Karey Herrin -

Miss Herrin came to follow up on her concerns she presented at the last Council meeting.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

OPWC Grant:

Water Valve Replacement Phase I, Project has qualified for a \$59,941. Grant through OPWC. Applications are being forwarded to Columbus.

Utility Payments:

New on-line and phone credit/debit card payment system through Official Payments is up and running. Customers are now using the system. The village paid \$2,000 for credit card charges. Now the users will be charged a nominal fee for the service.

Bike Safety on U.S. 52:

The recent tragic death of a cyclist on U.S. 52 in Anderson Township could just as easily have occurred in the Village of New Richmond. We will be working with officials from Anderson and Pierce Township as well as the County to ramp up efforts to create a safer environment for cyclists.

Mary Allen, Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee:

Flint Michigan's lead-in-the-water-problem:

Greg has put a statement on the Village website about New Richmond's water quality. When asked why he didn't include it in the newsletter, he stated that he believes Megan Ally, from the Clermont Sun, will be writing an article about lead in water in The Clermont Sun and Greg has provided input to her for the article.

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

The OWDA loan application is in progress, but not complete. Greg is waiting on additional detailed information from Environmental Engineering that's required to complete the application. The deadline for filing is February 15th. At this time, we believe we will meet that deadline. Mary will be checking with the Clermont County Board of Health to get a snap shot of septic system inspections for the homes within our intended expansion area; i.e., how many are old and almost failing and how many are newly replaced. She will report back, she will attempt to get this information within the next few days.

Cemetery:

Mary inquired about the 2015 accomplished activities that Bill had provided for input from the cemetery board, this is an attempt to partially satisfy the ORC Quarterly and Annual reporting requirements addressed in ORC 759.17. Nothing specific has changed.

Lighting in Rose Vesper Park:

I will update this section as soon as I hear from Mary Allen.

2016 Public Works Chairperson:

Mary Allen was nominated by Gary Skeene. Ms Allen won by a 66% margin.

Boat Ramp Repair:

We need to get competitive bids.

Richard Hilt, Finance/Personnel Committee:

Delay of Major Purchases:

The committee has asked the department heads to delay any major purchases until July when we may have another revenue estimate from the county. However it is unlikely that we will receive the estimate in July due the fact that this past years estimate came six months late.

Rumpke Waste Collection Contract:

Village Administrator Greg Roberts recommended that council approve the extension of the Rumpke waste collection contract for two years. There is no increase in cost.

Departmental Inventory:

Police Chief Randy Harvey has completed his departmental inventory.

Officer Frasure:

Chief Harvey informed the committee that Officer Frasure will be off duty for 8 weeks for surgery. This will affect the chiefs scheduling of two cars on a shift.

Raising Pay of Off- Duty Officers Covering Events:

Chief Harvey is asking council to raise the hourly rate for off-duty officers covering events from \$20 per hour to \$30 per hour. This brings our rate in line with other departments in the area. The village does not pay the officers for covering these events, the event organizer does. We have been unable to supply this service in the past since we did not have enough available personnel and the low pay made the work unattractive to the officers.

William Scott Brown:

Fire/EMS Chief Bee has asked council to approve the hiring of William Scott Brown to fill the vacancy of the full time position of Firefighter/Paramedic. The starting rate of pay shall be \$14.19 hourly, His effective date of hire will be March 1, 2016. He will serve a one year probation period in accordance with village policy and procedures.

Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird:

Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird is reviewing a 5 yr. financial plan with department heads. The plan reflects our lower revenue estimates. It is important that each department prepare for the substantially lower revenues since it is likely that the General Fund will not be able to augment the departments' revenues to the extent that it has in the past.

Health Insurance:

Lynn is also going to prepare a health insurance spreadsheet detailing what costs and savings may be attained depending on what options the village can provide to employees.

Executive Session:

As a result of the departmental meetings and the possibility of re-organization and a reduction in staff, it was felt that the committee should go into executive session to further discuss the situation.

O.R.C 121.22(G) (1) allows an executive session to discuss "the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, licensee or regulated individual"

Pay the Bills:

Richard Hilt motioned to Pay the bills, warrants 35491 through 35506 and electronic payments 1-2016 through 55-2016, seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Greg Roberts:

Zoning Ordinance Changes:

The committee discussed changes and having alternatives reference, dwellings permitted on a parcel of property. The rules need to be cleaned up

Event Applications:

The event applications need to be updated. No need to appear before council.

Cameras in Village Hall:

Cameras have been installed in several locations around the building and a system allowing people to be buzzed in is being looked into.

Traffic Light at the intersection of Old U.S. 52 and 52

Traffic Light at the intersection of Old U.S. 52 and 52 next to Frisch's isn't working and is getting attention.

Police Chief Harvey:

Rental Property Inspections:

The chief recommended inspections of all rental properties

Bullet Proof Vest:

All of the bullet proof vests have been passed out.

The committee also discussed Chief Harvey's inventory list, Officer Frasure's leave of absence, and the Off-Duty Officer pay increase for events.

Fire/EMS Chief Bee:

Inspections of rental properties:

The Ohio Fire Code permits inspections of all rental properties and will be used to clean-up the Village.

Yearly Evaluations:

Yearly evaluations are being completed at this time.

Off Duty Pay Code:

Off Duty Pay Code will also be updated for the Fire/EMS to \$30. Per hour. Closer to the other departments.

Chief Randy Harvey:

Chief Harvey discussed the three step pay increase. Chief Harvey brought to the attention of Council that Officer Thomas Collopy is past due for step 2 pay increase from \$12.50 to \$13.50 retro back to 8/13/2015.

Motion was made by Richard Feldkamp to raise the off duty Fire/EMS and Police salary from \$20. Per hour to \$30. Per hour, not to be paid by the village but by the organization putting on the event, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Motion was made by Richard Hilt to approve the pay increase for Officer Thomas Collopy from \$12.50 per hour to \$13.50 per hour and make it retro-active to 8/13/2015, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION 2016-05: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACTUAL OPTION TO EXTEND AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) YEARS THE EXISTING CONTRACT FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE TO RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-02: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2016-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE-ARTICLE 5, 8, 9,10,11,12 &20.

THIRD READING OF RESOLUTION 2016-04: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF REAL ESTATE FROM PEACH WOODS LLC.

THIRD READING OF RESOLUTION 2016-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2016 OF MUNICIPAL 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)

Gary Skeene motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-04 .A Resolution authorizing acceptance of donation of real estate from Peach Woods LLC, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-01 .A Resolution authorizing the sale during calendar year 2016 of municipal owned personal property which is not needed for public use, or which is obsolete of unfit for the use for which it was acquired by internet auction, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15(D), seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Nothing to report.

Allen - The next Economic Development meeting is scheduled for February 23rd.

Davidson - Nothing to report.

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp - Nothing to report.

Hilt- Mr. Hilt recommended that Council enter into Executive Session to discuss demotion or dismissal of employees.

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Richard Hilt motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. in order to discuss the demotion or dismissal of employees, O.R.C 121.22(G) (1) allows an executive session to discuss "the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, licensee or regulated individual", seconded by Mary Allen.

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

Richard Hilt made the motion to return from Executive Session at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

Richard Hilt motioned as a result of the lack of work and the lack of funds the Village of New Richmond Council has determined that a reduction in force is required. Effective February 10, 2016 the position of Assistant Village Administrator is eliminated and employee Minta Herrin Colvin laid off in good standing per Section 420 of the Village of New Richmond Personnel policy, seconded by Paul Vanderbosch.

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

Richard Hilt motioned to approve the hiring of William Scott Brown to fill the vacancy of the full time position of Firefighter/Paramedic. The starting rate of pay shall be \$14.19 hourly, His effective date of hire will be March 1, 2016. He will serve a one year probation period in accordance with village policy and procedures. Seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

David Vornholt: Mr. Vornholt spoke briefly about a boat trip he took with his father, during which he saw the Avalon with Captain Wagner aboard.

Mary Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council