

**February 24, 2015**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Richard Feldkamp; Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Donna Hammons, Clerk; Mike Wylie, Administrative Assistant Police Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Kelly Doran - Clermont Sun

Patrick Blair - 101 Light's Point Court

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of February 10th meeting were presented for approval. Skeene motioned to approve. Seconded by Vanderbosch.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: absent

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

**Greg Roberts, Administrator:**

He spoke today with Warren Walker of Duke Energy. Duke intends to send a mailer to area stakeholders (residents and officials) within a prescribed radius of the Beckjord Plant on February 26, 2015. The mailer will describe the decommissioning process for Beckjord and provide an estimated timeline for activities.

The two most recent snow events occurred first on a holiday and then this past weekend. The timing, equipment issues and record cold temperatures created a challenge for the street department's snow removal efforts. Thanks to Tim Nieters at Auto Savers for emergency repair of a hydraulic line on Friday evening that kept our salt truck on the road an available for the weekend snow.

Vanderbosch mentioned he thought our roads were better than Rt. 52 and Rt. 125. Patrick Blair, resident, suggested that the street department should probably stagger shifts. Roberts said that we have two plow trucks but one does not have a workable salt spreader. Feldkamp warned that in the future we may have to limit plowing to the hills and intersections.

The dead trees on either side of the bandstand/pavilion at Susanna Park were taken down this afternoon. The tree removal work is nearing completion.

Roberts said that he will be meeting with OKI in reference to a bike trail.

**Mike Wylie, Administrative Assistant Police Chief:**

He said he is very proud of the people involved with saving the deer from the river last week. It was a story on Channel 12 and was positive for the village. Wylie also mentioned that the Police Department needs personal flotation devices in each cruiser. Considering our close proximity to the river he feels we definitely have a need for them.

He will be obtaining those for the department and will check with the Fire/EMS Department to see if they have a need for some also.

**Old Business:**

In January 2014 Tristin Williams was at a council meeting to receive a plaque for making a map of the location of veterans' graves in New Richmond cemeteries as a project for his Eagle Scout Badge. He was asked to give the village a copy of the map. He is with Troop #155. Jerry Noble, Scout Leader. Mayor Carr has seen the map at the American Legion and will see if we can get a copy.

In February 2014 there was discussion on the need to paint the sewer plant. Roberts said it will be painted this year.

In March 2014 Strategic Planning was discussed. This has not progressed further. Discussion of council determined the need for an ad hoc committee. The members of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee are Mary Allen, Paul Vanderbosch and Gary Skeene.

In May 2014 discussion about obtaining backup batteries for the traffic signals. Council discussed this and it was decided that there is really no need for this. When traffic lights are out it becomes a four-way stop.

In June 2014 council agreed to the necessity of having our water main valves shut-offs repaired. Roberts is waiting for notice from the county on if we have been awarded a CDBG Grant for this.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-6 AMENDING THE NEW RICHMOND FLOOD PLAIN REGULATIONS**

**SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-5 ACCEPTING AN ANNEXATION OF 2.846 ACRES**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-5 APPROVING THE 2015 APPROPRIATIONS**

**SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-3 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO THE COOPERATIVE BOATING FACILITY GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE AUGUSTA STREET BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mayor Carr appointed to the Landmark Commission the following:

Sally Wylie - term expires 12/31/19

Richard Parker - term expires 12/31/17

As Ad Hoc members:

Kenneth Wright - term expires 12/31/15

Leslie Huggard - term expires 12/31/17

Hammons suggested the committee meetings be taped.

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Vanderbosch** - Mentioned that he had not been paid for the Special Meeting held February 3rd. Hammons said that this will be taken care of on the next check.

**Davidson** - Just a reminder that the line markings on Bethel New Richmond Road need repainted.

**Skeene** - Asked when will there be a discussion about the amendment to the earnings tax ordinance. Carr said this will be discussed at the next Finance/Personnel Meeting.

**Feldkamp** - Said that he has no problem with committee meetings being held in the council room for taping purposes.

**Hilt** - Motioned to pay January bills electronic #1 to #76 and #35186 to #35209.  
Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: absent

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Feldkamp motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: absent

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council