

**March 22, 2016**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, March 22nd 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; and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt 310 Susanna Way  
Bill Marsh 2423 Country Place  
Patrick Blair Lights Pointe  
Ron Fletcher 979 Old U.S. 52  
Layla Fletcher 979 Old U.S. 52  
Nikki Patton 3615 St. Rt. 132  
Keith Patton 3615 St. Rt. 132

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 March 8th were presented for approval. Gary Skeene motioned to approve, Seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

**Ron Fletcher, Harley's Against Heroin:**

Mr. Ron Fletcher came to council representing Harley's Against Heroin. The organization is interested in having an event in New Richmond. They are unable to get verification of insurance until 60 days prior to the event. The event will be a fundraiser with all proceeds going to Babies Born Addicted at Children's Hospital, Safe Harbor Hope, and Gateway House. The event will feature music and various vendors. At last year's event approximately 350 bikes participated. Harley's Against Heroin will be responsible for clean-up following the event. The event is planned to be held on July 30th, set-up will begin at approximately 7:00 a.m. with the event lasting from 1:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Mr. Feldkamp suggested that they may be able to tag onto River Days insurance. Greg will walk the organization through the event application process.

**Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

Zoning Issues:

Letters are going out next week to rental property owners advising of the registration requirement. Inspections will commence in June. Over 300 rental units (apartments and single families) have been identified thus far. 222 Front Street has been issued a

violation letter for trash and reported to the county Board of Health. Greg handed out the letter that will be going out to rental property owners.

**Sewer Expansion:**

The loan application has been submitted to the OWDA. We should have a response and loan details available by the end of March. Payments on the loan would not commence until 2018.

**UGRR Tour:**

Signs have been ordered

**Possible Chautauqua Event:**

There will be a meeting between Historic New Richmond and the New Richmond Library concerning a possible Chautauqua event in 2017. The meeting is on April 12th at the library.

**Possible 1937 Flood Exhibit:**

Ms. Mary Allen is considering a 1937 Flood Exhibit to celebrate the anniversary of New Richmond's survival of the flood. The exhibit would be displayed starting in early spring of 2017.

**FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE 2016-04:** AN ORDINANCE ADVANCING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SEWER FUND.

**ORDINANCE 2016-05:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUNDS: WALNUT STREET, OLD US 52, AND SYCAMORE STREET, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE 2016-06:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET OPERATING FUND, THE CEMETERY FUND AND THE POLICE FUND, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE 2016-07:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUNDS: SEWER LINE WATER FUND TO THE BETHEL NEW RICHMOND SEWER LINE #1, BETHEL NEW RICHMOND SEWER LINE #2, THE SEWER PLANT, THE CONSOLIDATION LOAN AND THE EXPANSION LOAN, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE 2016-08:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE WATER WELL DEBT FUND, REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

**THIRD READING:**

**ORDINANCE 2016-03:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE-ARTICLE 5, 8, 9,10,11,12 & 20

Mary Allen motioned to adopt ordinance 2016:03: An Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance-article 5, 8, 9,10,11,12 & 20, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes  
Mr. Feldkamp: yes  
Mr. Skeene: - yes  
Mrs. Davidson: yes  
Ms. Allen: yes  
Mr. Vanderbosch: no

**WORKING SESSION:**

**Limiting working time:**

Ms. Allen suggested limiting the time to end at 8:30 pm.

**Possible Public Safety Levy:**

Mr. Feldkamp suggested a Public Safety Levy to subsidize the cost of our safety and emergency services. 1 mill =approximately \$55,000. 7 mill = approximately \$385,000. It would increase property tax on a \$100,000 home would be approximately \$210 per year.

**Possible 1/2% Income Tax Levy:**

Mr. Skeene suggested a 1/2% Income Tax Levy.

**Revenue Projections:**

Tax Rate	Tax Credit	Projected Yield (approximately)
1.5%	0.00 (no tax credit)	\$288,000
1.5%	25%	\$247,000

- Please note, this is additional revenue and the Village would not realize the total projected revenue until the 2nd or 3rd year of implementation.

**Concerns Expressed:**

Mayor Carr expressed her concern for retirees.  
Ms. Allen would like to see the Public Safety Levy pass, however she would support either suggestion. Ms. Allen also stated that council needs to make a plan and be optimistic about the outcome. Ms. Allen also expressed concern the actual amount of earned income residents the village has and if it is enough to make a real difference.

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Vanderbosch** - Nothing to report.

**Allen** - Nothing to report.

**Davidson** -Mrs. Davidson expressed concern about a series of water main breaks in Regatta. Greg stated that the latest break was not a main. It was a lateral feed into the main. Greg stated that the possible causes are either soil conditions or copper pipes are faulty. Greg suggested two options to deal with the breaks. Dig everything up and replace it (which would be very costly) or fix breaks as they occur. Mr. Feldkamp believes the water pressure has increased. Ms. Allen suggested investigating the cause of the increased pressure. Greg also expressed concern about fixing taps located under the apron of driveways in the village subdivisions. Mayor Carr suggested contacting Fischer Homes. Greg also expressed concern about meters not being located in the village right of way.

**Skeene** - Nothing to report.

**Feldkamp** -Nothing to report.

**Hilt**-Nothing to report.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council