## **April 12, 2016**

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, April 12th 2016 at 7:05 pm. Present: Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Mary Allen, and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Greg Roberts acting Clerk and Village Administrator; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief

Also attending:

Brian Taylor - Light's Pointe Ct. David Vornholt - 310 Susanna Way Bill Marsh - 2423 Country Place

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The acting Clerk acknowledged Council members Feldkamp, Skeene, Allen, and Vanderbosch as present.

Minutes of the March 22nd meeting were presented for approval. Richard Feldkamp motioned to approve, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Feldkamp: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

#### **Visitors**

# Brian Taylor:

Mr. Taylor expressed concern about the recent multiple water leaks on Light's Pointe Court. Administrator Roberts stated that he shared the concern and said there had been at least 4 leaks of water supply lines under the street that have leaked. Roberts conjectured that the cause was likely either a problem with the batch of copper pipe the developer installed or an issue with the fill around the pipe installation. Unfortunately the best option is to replace the failing lines as they fail.

Mr. Taylor also expressed concern with the red Rumpke recycling bins. He said since the bins do not have lids, on windy days it is common for lighter recycling items to blow out of the containers. Mayor Car mentioned that Rumpke offers a recycling bin with a lid for residents for \$1 per month.

## Bill Marsh, Cemetery Board Chairman:

Mr. Marsh submitted a quarterly report for the Cemetery operations.

# **Administrative Reports**

## **Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

# **Zoning Issues:**

Updates to permit fees is under review by the Planning Commission. A formal proposal via ordinance is anticipated for the first Council meeting in May.

## Sewer Expansion:

Resolution 2016-06 was submitted for passage as an emergency. Mayor Carr reported that council member Davidson was in transit. The required percentage of members required to suspend the rules were not present at the time.

## **UGRR Interactive Tour:**

First signs were presented to council. Project is estimated to be complete by the end of May 2016.

## **Paul Vanderbosch, Personnel and Finance Committee:**

The Personnel & Finance Committee met on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:40 PM. Fiscal officer Lynn Baird reported that final appropriations are now included in the reports to department heads, committees and Council. Baird reported that employees have asked about Village plans to contribute to HSAs in 2016. Since these payments are not included in the final appropriations, a motion is needed to authorize the disbursements.

Motion was made by Paul Vanderbosch to disburse funding for employee Health Savings Accounts, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Village Administrator, Greg Roberts reported that the \$1.9 million loan application has been approved by OWDA (Ohio Water Development Authority). Mary Allen indicated that the Public Works Committee would present the legislation authorizing the signing of the related contracts with the successful bidders.

Roberts would like to update the Personnel Policy to indicate that annual performance reviews should be completed annually on or about the employee's anniversary date. He suggested probationary employees be evaluated at six months and then on the anniversary date.

Roberts reported that he could find no specific language in the Ohio Revised Code that requires the Village to mow the median strip on U.S. 52. He will check to see if a previous Council had entered into an agreement with ODOT to provide this service. Mayor Carr reported that she was in contact with ODOT requesting information on the mowing requirement.

Police Chief Randy Harvey reported that the State has increased the continuing education requirement for police officers. Attendance at seminars will affect staffing of shifts. The State does not provide funding for the increased requirement.

Mary Allen acknowledged the work of the NRPD that led to the recent arrests of suspects believed to be involved in drug trafficking.

#### Resignation of Jesse Kidder:

Police Chief Randy Harvey has asked Council to approve the resignation of Officer Jesse Kidder in good standing effective April 21, 2016. Motion was made by Richard Feldkamp and seconded by Mary Allen.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Chief Harvey requested authorization to recruit a replacement police officer in lieu of Officer Kidder's resignation and to create an eligibility list for future vacancies. Motion was made by Dick Feldkamp, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

# Resignation of Matt Stickley:

Fire/EMS Chief Vince Bee has asked Council to approve the resignation of Matt Stickley in good standing effective May 21, 2016.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mary Allen reported on her idea to create an exhibit to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1937 flood.

## Mary Allen, Public Works:

Committee met on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Beginning with the May meeting the Public Works Committee will temporarily begin meeting at 9:30 to 10:30 on the Monday before the second Tuesday instead of 6pm.

Bobbie Phillips (Utilities Department) provided Allen with a list of water only customers who live inside of the Village limits. Mary has checked the status of the septic systems of these customers with records provided on the Clermont County Board of Health site.

## Mary Allen, Economic Development ad hoc:

Committee met on March 22, 2016 at 5:30.

#### **Mission Statement:**

Some minor changes were made to the draft mission statement.

## Action Plan:

The possibility of networking with other river communities about flood insurance issues and other common challenges was discussed. A list of communities will be developed.

An inventory of available unoccupied property, both residential and commercial is needed.

Next meeting April 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

# **Dick Feldkamp Safety Committee:**

The Committee met on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM

Village Administrator Greg Roberts reported that he and Zoning Inspector Dani Speigel are working on rental inspection process and addressing nuisance properties. Greg is exploring options for getting traffic lights on U.S. 52 to consistently work properly.

## **CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Vanderbosch- Nothing to report

**Allen** – Presented documents created by Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes explaining property taxes

# Council member Amanda Davidson arrived at 8:03 PM and noted as present by the acting Clerk

**Davidson -** Nothing to report. **Skeene -** Nothing to report. **Feldkamp** – Nothing to Report

#### Legislation:

Council member Gary Skeene motioned to suspend the rules, seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Council member Gary Skeene motioned to adopt, **RESOLUTION 2016-06:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CONTRACTS I – IV, AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF NEW RICHMOND TO EXECUTE REQUIRED CONTRACT DOCUMENTS WITH THE CONTRACTOR. seconded by Mary Allen.

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

## SECOND 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

## David Vornholt:-310 Susanna Way

Mr. Vornholt informed council of a recent valley and village tour he hosted with a professor and students from the University of Akron.

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes	Mr. Feldkamp: yes	
Ms. Allen: yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes	
Mr. Skeene: - yes		
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.		
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Mayor	Clerk of Council	