

April 14, 2015

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Donna Hammons, Clerk; Randy Harvey, Police Chief; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator; Tim Feldkamp, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief.

Also attending:

Patrick Blair - 101 Light's Point Court

William Marsh - Cemetery Board

Mayor Carr 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.

Minutes of March 24th were presented for approval. Skeene motioned to approve. Seconded by Feldkamp.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mayor Carr requested an Executive Session. Vanderbosch motioned to enter into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 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 and inviting Police Chief Harvey. Seconded by Feldkamp.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Executive Session was entered at 7:06 pm.

Richard Feldkamp motioned to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Regular Session was re-entered at 7:51 pm.

Hilt motioned to instruct Chief Harvey to conduct an internal investigation into the New Richmond Police Department. Harvey is to report his findings at the June 23, 2014 council meeting. Seconded by Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

**William Marsh, Cemetery Board:**

Informed council that he has emailed them an analysis of research he has done regarding cemetery software. He has also emailed everyone a draft of a 'process and procedures' document for the cemeteries. This is to keep everyone informed and up to date. If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please let him know as any interest from council is most welcome.

Hilt asked Marsh about using grass killers around the headstones as a time saving/cost saving idea. Marsh said he would not recommend this as killing the grass would leave a large area of dirt/mud around the headstone. Also we have a hill and that would create erosion around the stones placing them in danger of toppling over.

**Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

Recommended village streets to be paved in 2015 will be submitted for review at next set of committee meetings. Emergency legislation is introduced tonight to allow Village Administrator to enter in agreement with ODOT for paving U.S. 52. Hilt 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

Hilt motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2015-7 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPAVE A PORTION OF U.S. 52 IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW RICHMOND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Skeene.

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

The CDBG Grant application was submitted to the County. We are seeking to refurbish water well #3.

Roberts is pursuing a couple leads from local boaters on parties that may be interested in the harbor location. Front Street business owners have expressed interest in the village placing a courtesy dock this season. The response from council is that the dock is difficult to maintain and the one that was there was not safe to use. Feldkamp added that when the American Queen was here last year it was sinking when people walked on it. Mayor Carr said we just do not have the equipment to handle a dock, the dock we did have is unsafe and we cannot afford another one.

Roberts reported he has had preliminary discussions with representatives from Greater Cincinnati Film Commission seeking locations for a film to be shot in Cincinnati later this spring. The movie is called "Goat".

Roberts will be meeting with representatives from Cincinnati Bell about a new phone/internet system.

**Richard Hilt, Finance/Personnel:**

Administrator Roberts said that we can get road salt from ODOT this year and he will be getting pricing and availability.

Roberts has looked into additional basic informational services through Paycor and will be adding some of the more inexpensive units to our system.

Carr has recommended the termination of David Daugherty, Mayor's Court Prosecutor, and effective May 15, 2015. Hilt motioned to approve. Seconded by Allen.

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

Hilt motioned to appoint our Solicitor, Matt Faris, to also serve as Mayor's Court Prosecutor, effective May 15, 2015. Seconded by Allen.

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

Chief Harvey stated he is very pleased with the Attorney General's Collections Program and it has netted the village \$3,400.00 last month.

Harvey also said our old radios are slowly fading away and the time is coming when we will have to replace them with new models which cost about \$5,500.00 each. The department needs a minimum of eight. Vanderbosch suggested that instead of purchasing all the radios at one time, the replacements are staggered with buying two radios a year. Harvey said he could work with that.

Fiscal Officer Baird is trying to get more information on medical insurance renewal. She asked if there were any changes the committee wished to make to our policies since it makes her search efforts somewhat easier. Will we be paying the same percentages, etc.? Members suggested the village consider spousal waivers, paying a percentage of employees only, etc.

Carr asked that Baird make a financial report at council's first meeting of each month.

Hilt motioned to pay bills #35230 to #35253 and electronic payments #117 to #217. Seconded by Skeene.

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

**Mary Allen, Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee:**

Lights were purchased for Rose Vesper Park and are in storage. Roberts advised that we are still getting bids to install the lighting. Completing this work will be very complimentary to Sycamore Street.

The Bicentennial Fund has approximately \$20,000 that is earmarked for legacy projects. The Steering Committee has suggested that this go to beautify the Promenade along Susanna Way.

Roberts has some ideas for an economical way to build curbing. He has some ideas that he'll share with Mayor and Council. Streets look so much better with a curb.

The village has 42 dead/dangerous trees in Greenmound Cemetery. We are getting bids for tree removal. There is also a serious issue with the roof of the vault. Allen suggested we get several bids and she also recommended getting one from Mark Moeller, a contractor who she has knowledge of his workmanship.

Allen also reiterated a comment she made months ago about needing a strategy for the parks. Roberts mentioned that the old field house by the Market Street School would make a very good Community Center.

**Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:**

Roberts gave an update on the Entertainment District and villages are exempt from the current program guidelines.

The camera at the dumpsters across from the sewer plant is showing situations which will require Police action.

Tree removal pickup has been difficult due to high water in our disposal area.

Traffic lights are being checked for replacement LED lights.

Roberts took notes during the recent high water event and we feel the Safety Committee should schedule a meeting to review and plan for the future. It was suggested he discuss this at the next meeting before full council.

Feldkamp suggested it is time to consider placing an Emergency Services Levy (Police/Fire/EMS) on the ballot. He and Skeene both agreed we will need at least 18 months to promote this. Feldkamp also said we need to do research to see exactly how much money we need and what to ask for.

Feldkamp motioned to appoint William S. Brown as part-time paramedic, effective April 15, 2015. \$10.25 per hour. One-year probation. Seconded by Skeene.

**Mary Allen, Economic Development Committee:**

The purpose of the first meeting was to bring awareness that this work has started and for Allen and Roberts to share thoughts they've compiled to-date. Mayor Carr will be sending a formal invitation to team members and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th. While this is a public meeting open to all business owners and residents, there will be a designated Economic Development Team with voting rights and to represent the overall team, as appropriate.

Hilt motioned that because Chief Randy Harvey is back to duty from his illness that the contract with Mike Wylie be terminated effective March 31, 2015. Seconded by Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-7 AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET OPERATING FUND, THE CEMETERY FUND, AND THE POLICE FUND**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-8 AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUNDS: WALNUT STREET, OLD US 52, AND SYCAMORE STREET**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-9 AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE WATER FUND TO THE WATER WELL DEBT FUND**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-10 AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE SEWER FUND TO THE FOLLOWING DEBT FUNDS: BETHEL NEW RICHMOND ROAD SEWER LINE DEBT #2; BETHEL NEW RICHMOND ROAD SEWER LINE DEBT #1; SEWER PLANT DEBT FUND; CONSOLIDATED DEBT FUND; SEWER EXPANSION DEBT FUND**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-11 ADVANCING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SEWER FUND**

**THIRD READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-6 RESCINDING RESOLUTION 1999-1 CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.** Feldkamp motioned to adopt. Seconded by Allen.

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

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-4 AMENDING THE NEW RICHMOND INCOME TAX ORDINANCE #2009-54, SECTION 14 - CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES OR JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.** Allen motioned to adopt. Seconded by Skeene.

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

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Vanderbosch** - Suggested the village put our financials on the website.

**Allen** - Reported that she, Roberts, Skeene, Hammons and Baird attended the State Auditor's Conference in Columbus. She will be preparing a report for council and suggested the others do as well.

**Davidson** - Nothing to report.

**Skeene** - Nothing to report.

**Feldkamp** - Nothing to report.

**Hilt** - Nothing to report.

Clerk of Council Hammons that Division of Liquor Control has mailed out their annual notification that all liquor permits within the village will expire June 1, 2015. The village has until May 4th to file an objection to any renewal.

Mayor Carr read a letter from Girl Scout Troop #41720. They are working on their 'Silver Award'. The requirement is to choose something which will impact their community. They have chosen to clean Union Square Park at least once a month. Carr accepted their volunteering to clean the park and council appreciates their involvement with the community.

Also, students from the Government Class will attend the next meeting to make brief presentation.

Grant Days will be celebrated at Grant's Birthplace on April 25th.

The New Richmond Generals, our vintage baseball team, will be playing baseball on April 19th and April 26th at the Washington Street ball field.

Allen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Feldkamp.

Hilt: yes  
Mr. Feldkamp: yes  
Mr. Skeene: yes

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council