

April 26, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, April 26th 2016 at 7:03 pm. Present: Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Mary Allen, Rick Hilt, Amanda Davidson and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Greg Roberts acting Clerk and Village Administrator; Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief

Also attending:

Nathan Gilfillen - Light's Pointe Ct.

Ainsley Diaz Alley – Light's Pointe Court

Megan Alley- *Clermont Sun*

Mike Findlan – NR Planning Commission

Keith Voglesang – Ohio Township Trustee

Tina Vogelsang – St. Rt. 132

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of the April 12th meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Vanderbosch pointed out that Council had not voted to approve payment of warrants 35540 -35562 and electronic payments pf #98-199 at last meeting and moved as such, seconded by Mr. Hilt.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mary Allen motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dick Feldkamp.

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes (from
8:03pm to adjournment)

Mr. Skeene: - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mr. Hilt: Abstain

Visitors: No comments

Administrative Reports

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Sewer Expansion: We are working with Environmental Engineering to draft a letter to property owners in the three contracted areas that will be able to tap into the expanded sewer collection system. The purpose of the letter is to begin a dialogue between those property owners, the village, engineers and contractors to resolve any technical, commercial or other concerns.

ODOT Study: A thorough reading of appropriate sections of Ohio Revised Code concerning limited access highways revealed no specific reference or directive dictating mowing responsibility. A previous Council passed an ordinance permitting ODOT to perform snow plowing, maintenance, and other work. There is no known agreement with ODOT besides this document. Per Lynn Baird the Village will receive \$7,700 from the state directed towards our highway fund. Money in this fund is used for mowing and traffic light maintenance. This money rarely covers the expenses and street department funds have been typically used to address the short fall.

Tree City USA Last Friday the Village was recognized for the 13th consecutive year as a Tree City.

Mr. Vanderbosch asked about the awarding of mowing contracts. Roberts reported that bids were accepted from Terry's Tree and Landscaping for \$1150 for each mowing of both Greenmound and Watkin's Hill Cemeteries; from Libbee's Landscaping \$1100 for each mowing of the ODOT U.S. 52 right of way; also from Libbee's Landscaping \$2000 for each mowing and trimming of the riverbank from the boat ramp to Haussermann Park. Mayor Carr said it was customary for Council to approve the accepted bids. Mary Allen motioned to approve, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

Mr. Feldkamp mentioned that the previous two Saturdays there were problems with traffic backing up on Old 52 due to the improperly working traffic signal. He mentioned that he considered fixing it an emergency due to the potential safety hazard. Roberts said he would instruct the contractor Capital Electric to proceed with installing a radar based system at Old 52 on the Frisch's side to correct the problem.

Chief Vince Bee; Fire & EMS Chief

Chief Bee proposed reclassifying his position to full time fire chief in lieu of replacing recently resigned full-time firefighter/paramedic Matt Stickley. He suggested the Chief salary be increased to \$60,000 annually at a net savings of \$19,909 to the Village. Mr. Feldkamp moved to replace firefighter Stickley by taking Chief Bee from part-time to full-time status as Fire/EMS Chief at an annual salary of \$60,000 effective May 24, 2016. Seconded by Vanderbosch.

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

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch- Mr. Vanderbosch mentioned that village revenues benefitting from an increase in businesses and light or heavy industry locating in the village is not likely. He said that a population increase is needed. Several incentives for builders to jumpstart stagnant developments were mentioned for consideration including waiving of tap fees and/or tax deferrals. He suggested other incentives may be explored.

Mr. Feldkamp said he had called Fischer Homes and spoke with Greg Fischer (son of Henry Fischer) and complimented him on the Eastern Cincy Bypass proposal. Feldkamp asked Fischer about the developments in New Richmond to which Fischer replied that the market for the types of homes in those developments is "dried up". Feldkamp suggested a representative from Fischer come to Council and discuss. Fischer said they would reply after a meeting planned with their executives.

Mr. Vanderbosch closed by mentioning that the roughly \$500,000 in earnings tax revenue equates to \$50,000,000 in reported earnings for residents and employees in the village.

Allen –Nothing to report

Davidson - Nothing to report.

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp – Nothing to Report

Hilt – Initiated a discussion about the relative housing and community preferences of Baby Boomers vs. Millennials vs. Gen Xers.

Legislation:

THIRD READING:

ORDINANCE 2016-04: AN ORDINANCE ADVANCING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SEWER FUND. Motion to accept by Skeene. Seconded by Allen:

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

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. Motion to accept by Feldkamp; seconded by Skeene.

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

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. Motion to accept by Feldkamp; seconded by Skeene.

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

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. Motion to accept by Allen; seconded by Skeene.

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

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. Motion to accept by Skeene, seconded by Allen.

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

Ms. Allen stated that the Public Works Committee will continue to meet on the first Monday at 6pm before the first Council meeting as per usual.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council