

July 14, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING

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

Also attending:

Pete Kambelos - The Landing Restaurant
William Marsh - Cemetery Board
Andrew Moran - 1005 Cobra Road
Joe & Judy Vogel - Skippers Marina
Marie MacFarland - 209 Plenty Street
Marsha Oganowski - League of Women Voters
Patrick Blair - 101 Light's Pointe Court
Floyd Henderson - Police Officer
Robert Lees - Front Street Café
Minta & Eugene Colvin - P.O. Box 36
Megan Alley - Clermont Sun

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of June 23rd were presented for approval. Feldkamp motioned to approve. Seconded by Allen.

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

Marsha Oganowski - League of Women Voters:

The League has been visiting all local governments/boards in the County. The League is providing candidates to participate in VOTE411. A voter guide for your constituents. In Clermont County they are even providing a link to your YouTube video about "Why I am Running". Candidates enter their own information. They are invited to participate via a secure portal. Usually this online visibility has not been affordable for local races. Now it is and it's FREE! Oganowski gave handouts to council and the attendants.

Pete Kambelos - The Landing Restaurant:

Introduced himself as the new owner of the restaurant at 401 Front Street. He is originally from Maysville Kentucky where his family owned a popular restaurant for many years. He has a strong restaurant background. He is a doctor of Internal Medicine and practices on the West Side. He hopes to partner with the village and to improve the facilities over time. He and his partner hope to put out docks when the river drops. Mayor Carr thanked him for introducing himself to council.

Joe Vogel - Skippers Marina:

At the end of last year he and his wife decided to not renew the lease they have with the village for the boat harbor. Things have changed since then and he would like to renew his lease for a year or two. He would like everyone to get a copy of his lease and read it. Carr said she will set a meeting with the appropriate committees. Vanderbosch commented that he has read the lease and that Vogel is not in compliance.

Robert Lees - Front Street Café:

Thanked everyone who helped put on the 4th of July event. However, they probably need a bigger budget for more law enforcement. He added that preliminary negotiations are ongoing with Ohio River Paddlefest to use New Richmond as a staging point. Mayor thanked the Riverdays Committee and Patrick Blair for the cleanup they did after the event.

Mayor Carr said that the committee meetings scheduled for yesterday (July 13th) were rescheduled for July 27th because village hall was without electricity because of the storm.

Randy Harvey, Police Chief:

Department heads can sell surplus or obsolete property without taking bids if the value is under \$1,000.00. He wants to sell patrol car #523 to Lindale Auto Parts for \$995.00. The car is in extremely poor condition and he would not want to sell the car to a private citizen or another department. Feldkamp motioned to approve. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: absent

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Vanderbosch asked why there were only two officers at the 4th. Harvey said there was only one and he was never given approval for more officers. He has an ordinance where it says the Police Chief determines the number of officers needed and that the organization that fills out the event application pays the village for the officers. A lot of money was made and the event should be paying for more officers. Feldkamp listed the expenses of the 4th and stated they did not make money and Riverdays will probably have to use what little money they have to cover the loss. Harvey said he was referring to the vendors and will discuss this further at Safety Committee.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

The current lease for the harbor along Susanna Way is through December 31, 2015 and is legally up January 1, 2016. The village has officially accepted the current leaseholder's communication in February 2014 of their intent not to seek renewal of the lease. The village is still seeking a new leaseholder for this location.

The new owner of 502 Washington Street has promptly removed the collapsing rear section of the structure and is in the process of rehabilitating the building.

Wiring for the new phone and internet system is complete. The new system will be installed and training completed on July 27th.

He has received bid results for winter salt through ODOT. The successful bidder is Morton Salt at \$62.70/ton delivered.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-14 PERMITTING
FREE/DISCOUNTED UTILITY TAPS/CONNECTIONS FOR THE CORE
AREA OF THE VILLAGE**

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-13 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE 2016 TAX BUDGET. Skeene motioned to adopt. Seconded by Allen.

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

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Thanked Roberts for getting rid of the dumpsters. Also, he has noticed a structure being built by the driving range on Old 52.

Allen - The Economic Development Committee feels the village should be much more aggressive in enforcing laws that are on the books.

Davidson - Nothing to report.

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp - Nothing to report.

Pete Kambelos - The Landing

He is President of the Academy of Medicine Medical Society in Hamilton County. He is hoping to make \$7,000 in funds available to the village to help with the growing heroin problem.

Donna Hammons, Clerk of Council:

Reported the transfer of liquor license from Joseph Vogel to Riverfront Hospitality Group, LLC dba The Landing, 401 Front Street. Also, the liquor requested approval due to the fact a playground is 478 feet away. Vanderbosch motioned to approve the transfer. Seconded by Allen.

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

Mayor Carr requested an Executive Session per ORC 122.12. Vanderbosch motioned to enter Executive Session. Seconded by Allen.

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

Executive Session entered at 7:43 pm.

Vanderbosch motioned to enter Regular Session. Seconded by Feldkamp.

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

Regular Session entered at 8:17 pm.

Skeene motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Vanderbosch.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council