

August 11, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Randy Harvey, Police Chief; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator; Tim Feldkamp, Assistant Fire/EMS Chief.

Also attending:

William Marsh - Cemetery Board
Megan Alley - Clermont Sun
Christine McAdams -1448 S. Altman
Art Kareth – Planning Commission
Minta Herrin – 309 Union
Eugene Colvin – P.O. Box 36
Britain Martin – Boys and Girls Club

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carr announced that Greg Roberts would be assisting in the Clerk’s chair this evening as outgoing Council Clerk Donna Hammons’ retirement has commenced.

Hilt, Feldkamp, Skeene, Davidson, Allen, and Vanderbosch were recognized as present.

Minutes of July 14th were presented for approval. Feldkamp motioned to approve. Seconded by Davidson.

Mr. Hilt: Abstain (absent July 14)	Mrs. Davidson: yes
Mr. Feldkamp: yes	Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Roberts reported that bids were sought for patching deteriorated sections of Bethel-New Richmond Road, Gray’s Lane and various other rough spots totaling over 40 sections of various sizes. Three bids were received. Lowest and most responsive bidder was Koehler & Day at \$46,900. Roberts requested adoption of **Resolution 2015-13** as an emergency to initiate road improvements as soon as possible.

The village has not received news about 2015 county paving program. We will be exploring other options. Vanderbosch asked if the village had been in communication with the county. Roberts responded in the affirmative.

Roberts mentioned that the new phone system is up and running in village hall.

Roberts reported that Zoning Officer Jim Taylor returned today from medical leave. Council and residents have called attention to several violations and areas of concern. With Mr. Taylor’s return we will be addressing more of these violations.

Roberts requested authorization to apply for OPWC grant to start phase one of water valve replacement in core village through emergency **Resolution 2015-14**.

Skeene motioned to suspend the three reading rule, seconded by Hilt.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mrs. Davidson: yes
---------------	--------------------

Mr. Feldkamp: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes

Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Skeene motioned to adopt, seconded by Feldkamp

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

Mrs. Davidson: yes
Ms. Allen: yes
Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Richard Hilt, Finance/Personnel Committee:

Meeting was held July 27th. Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird introduced insurance agent Derrick Carnahan who described a healthcare plan from current carrier Humana which would result in a 4% versus 24% increase. Deductibles would increase from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for individuals and from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for families. Several other plans as well as Affordable Care Act options were researched and this plan appears to be the best option at this time.

Village Administrator Greg Roberts and some committee members stated concern over proceeding with the sewer expansion plans as they exist given anticipated village revenue reductions and whether or not there is demand for the sewer in the areas the three planned expansion lines intend to serve. Feasibility and financial projections for this project requires careful consideration.

Roberts proposed moving \$18,000 in capital appropriations to purchase a new tractor to operating expenses in the Street Department to offset multiple unexpected expenses incurred during the year.

Baird reported that Water fund expenses are exceeding revenue this year. She and Roberts will review current and projected costs to determine possible increases in water rates to offset current and future shortfall.

Hilt motioned to pay the bills, warrants 35311 through 35350 and electronic payments 362-2015 through 455-2015, seconded by Skeene.

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

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

Mary Allen - Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee:

Meeting was held July 27th. Allen reported that there was additional discussion on sewer expansion plans. Former councilman Nick Wolf stated to the committee that he sent a letter to 30 residents along U.S. 52 and Frank Willis Memorial Road about possible annexation to potentially gain access to the village's sewer system.

There are voids in sidewalks due to undeveloped lots on Canal Ct. Roberts is reviewing Ohio Revised Code as to property owner responsibilities for sidewalks.

Several residents have expressed concern with weeds on private property as well as the public right of ways. Roberts will have Street Department address issues that are village responsibility. Zoning Officer Jim Taylor will be stepping up enforcement for private property violations.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Meeting was held July 27th. Village Administrator Roberts brought up public safety concerns for the larger than anticipated crowd at the 4th of July celebration. The

consensus among committee members as well as Chief Harvey and Administrator Roberts was that more attention needs to be paid to ensure adequate security for future events.

Assistant Fire & EMS Chief Tim Feldkamp requested council to approve two personnel changes including the resignation / retirement of Doug Bentley and to remove Thomas Mitchell from probationary status and to adjust his hourly rate from \$14.19 to \$15.53. Motion for approval of these changes was made by Councilman Feldkamp and seconded by Vanderbosch.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

The committee went into executive session under O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to discuss “the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, licensee or regulated individual”.

Mary Allen, Ad hoc Economic Development Committee:

A meeting was held on June 23rd. Chairwoman Allen presented two spreadsheets. One was her initial ideas based on ideas the team had generated. The other “Areas to Explore” spreadsheet was for each team member to use as they explore items they own and to provide updates to the team. A second meeting was held on July 28th prior to council meeting. Due to many members inability to attend, the meeting served to capture updates from those present.

Department Heads:

Fire EMS Nothing to report

Police Chief Randy Harvey

Reported that he was outfitting the Ford Taurus that he was driving as a marked vehicle and adding it to the fleet to replace car 521, one of the older Crown Victoria vehicles. Harvey requested that council approve sale of car 521 to the Amelia Police Department for \$3,000. Motion was made by Skeene and seconded by Feldkamp. In discussion, Harvey said that he would now be driving the former canine unit vehicle.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Mayor

Carr reported that Fire/EMS Chief requested third reading of resolution to approve contract with Safety Pad. Readings were suspended after second reading pending solicitor review. Copy of the resolution was unavailable. Will be brought forward at next scheduled meeting.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-14 PERMITTING

FREE/DISCOUNTED UTILITY TAPS/CONNECTIONS FOR THE CORE AREA OF THE VILLAGE

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-15 AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS

TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM STREET EQUIPMENT TO STREET OPERATING

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch – Asked if the Planning Commission provided reports to council. Hilt suggested and Roberts agreed to provide a monthly update as part of the Administrator’s Report.

Allen – Nothing to report.

Davidson - Nothing to report.

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp - Nothing to report.

Hilt - Nothing to report.

Minta Herrin,:

Ms. Herrin introduced herself as a resident and a taxpayer. Vanderbosch asked if she was a village resident. Ms. Herrin replied her address was 309 Union Street. She went on to say a fundamental issue needs addressed, that is communication. Herrin said e-mails, text messages and voice messages were not being answered in a timely fashion or ignored. Council committee meetings did not provide a forum for public input. She said communication currently is unacceptable.

Brit Martin:

Mr. Martin provided an update on the Boys and Girls Club remodeling. The club will re-open on August 31st with a new program. The club is expected to merge with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati. The Scott McDowell Run will take place on August 15th. Martin requested the community sign be used to promote the run. Carr mentioned that street closures need to be approved. Roberts mentioned that he would be contacting Martin about insurance documentation as well.

Feldkamp motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Allen.

Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council