

September 8, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7 pm. Present: Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Amanda Davidson, Mary Allen, Richard Hilt and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Kelly Painter, Clerk; Randy Harvey, Police Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

David Vornholt 310 Susanna Way
Rick Mattingly New Richmond Fire and EMS
Mathew Stickley New Richmond Fire and EMS

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes of August 25th were presented for approval. Skeene motioned to approve. Seconded by Feldkamp.

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

David Vornholt-310 Susanna Way

Mr. Vornholt gave his family history in New Richmond and thanked Greg Roberts for the great job he is doing as Village Administrator. Mr. Vornholt was here to represent the New Richmond Business Association.

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Change Lisa Knepps resignation to Oct. 13th.

Motion was made by Richard Hilt to change Lisa Knepps resignation to be effective Oct. 13, 2015, seconded by Mary Allen.

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

Paving update: Discouraging news was received from ODOT late last week. U. S. 52 will not be paved this fall or next spring according to their paving engineer. Repair of expansion joints is scheduled for next spring with no definite date for re-paving. Mr. Roberts met Representative Doug Greene. Rep. Greene will check with ODOT about paving within the village limits. The next step would be to speak with local representative Liz Carbo.

Patching of Bethel-New Richmond should begin within the next two weeks. We are rescinding Resolution 2015-13 A resolution awarding the contract for asphalt repairs and paving to Koehler and Day Blacktopping Inc.

Underground Railroad Sites: Mr. Roberts handed out a New Richmond Historic Walking Tour Brochure. Ten underground railroad/abolitionist sites highlighted in the village Historic Walking Tour brochure will be marked with signage. The signage will have a QR code that takes you to a URL site that has videos and information. Options to update the sign are to add a website, have a device that pings cell phones when you walk by, or GPS activated technology. The signs will be mounted on a pole or wall; depending on the location and wishes of the property owner.

Planning Commission Update: The Planning Commission is reviewing the Village Comprehensive Plan with the intent of updating. Allen wishes for collaboration between the planning Commission and Economic Development Committee.

Richard Hilt, Finance/Personnel Committee: Nothing to report.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee: The committee feels that there is a need to post no parking signs on Cobra Road with a \$200.00 fine.

Mayor Carr- An ordinance needs to be drawn up for no parking signs on Cobra Rd. The committee would like the council to send a letter of support to Henry Fischer for their plan to build a by-pass near Clermontville-Laurel Rd.

There was much discussion about a possible bridge/by-pass and what it could mean for the community. Mr. Roberts attended a meeting in Amelia last week concerning this topic. No economic development study has been done. The project would be federally funded. It would be less expensive to go forward with this plan than to build a new bridge in Cincinnati.

Motion was made by Richard Feldkamp to send a letter to Henry Fischer endorsing the by-pass/bridge project, seconded by Gary Skeene.

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

Mary Allen, Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee: Since Monday Sept. 7th was Labor Day, the Public Works Meeting was held on August 31st at 10:00 a.m.

There was much discussion about the possibility of sewer expansion, so the entire meeting was devoted to the topic. Every attempt was made to answer all questions. With the proposed expansion plan, under the worst case scenario of no one would tap in; we'd still pay off all expenses and substantially reduce our annual debt within two years.

Note: And we know that Clermont Co. EPA would require every homeowner within 200 feet of the line to connect to the sewage, so that's not going to happen.

While more discussion will be required the committee suggests that we move on with seeking bids for our consideration. We'd be getting bids now for a potential spring start. There are three strong reasons to consider moving forward at this time.

- Sewer expansion is best for the village.
- Within two years of completion, we'd pay off all debt and would potentially have a tremendous annual savings. Something like \$100,000 per year.

- From an economic development perspective, this positions us for further housing growth.

Ms. Allen recommended getting bids for the sewer expansion project.

Mr. Vonderbosch stated that a profit can't be used for anything other than sewage; the general fund will not profit .

Ms. Allen suggested just getting bids so we have an idea of actual cost.

Ms. Allen stated that no decision needs to be made tonight, however a decision should be made by the end of the calendar year.

Ms. Allen motioned to solicit bids for the sewer expansion project, seconded by Richard Hilt.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

Mary Allen, Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee: The committee feels that there should be collaboration between itself and the Planning Commission concerning the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Allen handed out two spreadsheets of Ideas and Activities the committee has been working on. The information from their exploration of these ideas, will help prioritize their next steps.

Next meeting: Sept. 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Department Heads:

Police Chief, Randy Harvey: Nothing to report.

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-16 Rescinding Resolution 2015-13

A resolution awarding the contract for asphalt repairs and paving to Koehler and Day Blacktopping Inc.

FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-15 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-16 : Amending the 2015 Appropriations transferring funds from the General Fund to the Police Department.

Motion was made by Richard Hilt to adopt Ordinance 2015-16 Appropriations transferring funds from the General Fund to the Police Department, seconded by Feldkamp.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Nothing to report.

Allen - Cans at the curb transferring to New Richmond Can, due to lack of volunteers.

Davidson - Mrs. Davidson inquired about the parking in front of mail boxes at Regatta. Mayor Carr suggested the signs could be added to the ordinance for no parking signs on Cobra Rd. Police Chief Harvey stated "There is no law preventing parking in front of mailboxes."

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp - Nothing to report.

Mayor Carr- announced there will be 9/11 remembrance on Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mary Allen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council