

September 22, 2015

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 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; Vince Bee Fire/EMS Chief and Greg Roberts, Village Administrator.

Also attending:

Lee Ann Watson-Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board
Teresa Berkley-New Richmond Cares
Shirlene Martin- New Richmond Cares
Megan Alley-Clermont Sun
Bill Marsh-2423 Country Place

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 September 8th were presented for approval. Skeene motioned to approve. Seconded by Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: abstain - yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Lee Ann Watson-Associate Director of the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board:

Lee Ann Watson came to ask council for their support with the upcoming levy on November 3rd. The levy will increase property taxes by a small amount- \$8.75 per \$100,000 valuation (from \$14.79 to \$23.54 per \$100,000 valuation)- which will provide an additional \$1.1 million for services. The levy helps the Recovery Board to continue to support families and individuals with mental health and addiction needs. Without levy funding, there will be a decrease in availability of services, because of significant cuts in state funding over the past five years since the levy renewal in 2010

The Mental Health and Recovery Board provide:

- Crisis hotline 528-SAVE
- School based services
- Youth drug/alcohol prevention
- Suicide prevention
- Mental health first aid
- Medication assisted treatment for persons with a heroin addiction

Shirlene Martin- New Richmond Cares: Shirlene Martin came to council representing New Richmond Cares. Shirlene is asking for street closures on Oct. 24th for the kick off of Red Ribbon Week. The free event will feature face painting, food, clowns, music, games, a balloon release, lanterns, dunking booth, and bounce houses.

Red Ribbon is a national organization that brings drug awareness and education to youth.

Vanderbosch asked about the process for street closures.
The process is to fill out a full application and request street closures.

Motion was made by Mr. Skeene seconded by Mr. Feldkamp to close the streets on Oct 24th 2015 from Union to Western from 1p.m. - 10p.m.

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

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

There was further discussion about the process for street closures. Mr. Roberts stated "There are two ordinances that relate to street closures which are parade and event. These two ordinances lend to confusion." Greg suggested giving copies to the council and working together to come up with a simple, non-contradictory, understandable ordinance.

All council does is approve the street closures not the event. Greg is ultimately responsible for the application approval.

Mr. Feldkamp expressed concern about the luminaries.

Mayor Carr suggested looking at Bethel's event application.

Greg will obtain a copy.

Ohio River Trail: Anderson Township is a finalist for an Interact for Health Planning Grant for the extension of the bike trail across Anderson Township to the Clermont County line. They have requested a letter of support from the Clermont County Park District, Pierce Township and the Village of New Richmond. The village will benefit from the bike trail because the closer it is to New Richmond the closer we are to being able to connect to it. Anderson will be doing all the planning and engineer work which will help us in the future.

Motion was made by Mrs. Davidson seconded by Mr. Skeene to send a letter of support to Anderson Township for the Interact for Health Planning Grant for the extension of the bike trail.

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

Zoning Officer: Jim Taylor has submitted his resignation as Village Zoning Officer effective October 16th 2015. We will be posting his position.

Motion was made by Mr. Hilt seconded by Mr. Feldkamp to accept the resignation in good standing of Jim Taylor as Village Zoning Officer effective October 16, 2015.

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

Knobole Field Light Removal: 18 duke volunteers working in conjunction with New Richmond Knobole removed 10 light poles with lights and transformers this past Friday September 18th from the village owned Knobole Field. The falling of one of the poles during a windstorm in late July precipitated the urgent need for the removal of the poles. The value of this work is estimated upwards to \$80,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanderbosch seconded by Mr. Skeene to send a letter of thanks to Duke for removing the light poles at the Knothole fields.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Fishers of Men: The Clermont County Convention and Visitors Bureau is hosting a faith-based organization which will be holding a fishing tournament in New Richmond this weekend. The local churches are providing dinner for about 50 participants Thursday evening. We are working with organizers to ensure that the boat launch is safe and operable.

Algae Warning: The Clermont County Board of Health has posted warning signs about toxic algae in the river.

Richard Hilt, Finance/Personnel Committee:

Skipper's lease: Judy and Joe Vogel were asked to attend the Finance/Personnel Committee meeting in order to explain their request to renew their lease for Skipper's restaurant and harbor. Mr. Vogel explained that he plans to run only Skipper's since the Landing had sold previously. He also stated that the facility is in compliance with all state and county regulations concerning health and safety and he had spent about \$125,000 to upgrade the electric service, gasoline supply, and numerous other items. The committee has reservations concerning the appearance of the facility. Mr. Vogel is going to submit a proposal for physical and aesthetic improvements by the next committee meeting.

EMS Part-time Employee Pay Scale: Chief Bee presented to the committee with a part-time employee pay-scale change. The cost would be about \$12,000 and can come from the department's existing budget. This is feasible since he has a \$50,000 appropriation to build an equipment shelter behind the fire station which he now believes can be done for much less than originally thought. This change will require an appropriations change as well as an ordinance for the pay scale change.

Motion was made by Mr. Hilt and seconded by Mr. Vanderbosch to suspend the three reading rule for Ordinance 2015-19.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Vanderbosch motioned to adopt **ORDINANCE 2015-19 APPROVING THE EMS PART-TIME EMPLOYEE PAY-SCALE CHANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** seconded by Ms. Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Purchase of Defibrillator Units: EMS Chief Bee requested the approval for purchase of 3 automatic defibrillator units for \$1,500 instead of the original price tag of \$1,800. The committee recommended that this expense come from the General Fund "Lands and Building" line.

Motion was made by Mr. Hilt seconded by Mr. Feldkamp to purchase 3 automatic defibrillator units for \$1,500 coming from the "Lands and Building" line.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Resignation of Jim Taylor: Jim Taylor is resigning his position as Zoning Inspector effective 10/15/2015. Jim is leaving due to an OPERS insurance conflict, which he can only resolve by resigning his position. Greg has started searching for a replacement.

Water Rates: Greg completed his study of our water rates and will recommend an increase in the near future. Right now he believes it will be approximately 20% which includes a monthly minimum charge. He is still reviewing the sewer rates.

Sewer Fund: Fiscal Officer Lynn Baird stated that the Sewer Fund would require another \$60,000 loan from the General Fund to complete the year. This would bring the total of loans to \$ 220,000. The final payment for the existing sewer plant loan will be next July in the amount of \$86,000 after which the General Fund can begin receiving repayments from the sewer fund.

Deregulation: The deregulation payment reductions have begun and by 2018 the village will be receiving approximately \$100,000 less per year.

County Appropriations Budget: The county returned our appropriations budget noting a slight increase in property taxes but it did not reflect any changes in revenue from Beckjord. They stated that they cannot show any decrease until Beckjord reports it to them even though it is likely to occur. Lynn will try to estimate the decrease.

Equipment/Capital Purchases: The Department Heads are working on equipment/capital purchases for 2016.

Medical Insurance: There are more medical insurance cost issues, which Lynn has been researching. It appears that purchasing insurance through the government "Marketplace" may be a better solution for most employees.

Motion was made by Mr. Hilt and seconded by Mr. Vanderbosch to pay the bills, warrants 35369 thru 35396 and electronic payments 523-2015 through 636-2015.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee: Nothing to report.

The Mayor requested that at the next meeting the committee discuss the position of Sexton. Sexton will be discussed in Personnel/Finance meeting as well. Mr.

Vanderbosch asked who was responsible for the tank trap—a large pothole to the right of the right turn lane at Old 52 and U.S. 52. Greg will take care of the tank trap.

Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

River Pines Emergency Plan: Bill Heybruck spoke about the River Pines emergency plan. He needs a more substantial plan for pulling out during emergency times.

The Mayor has sent the Solicitor an email regarding this problem.

The Village Zoning Inspector is required to go to River Pines to make sure FEMA guidelines are followed. There were 18 campers left in the park during the March flooding event. The Mayor stated that "It is the village's responsibility to make sure all of the campers are road worthy and properly licensed". Some of them were not which goes against FEMA guidelines. Greg stated "The problem is the either/or policy. They either get out before flood season or in lieu the village took on the responsibility of inspecting and making sure that every camper is road worthy and properly licensed. The problem is just because they are able to be pulled out doesn't mean they will be. The village is spinning their wheels wasting time and money to check things that don't yield the results we want."

Regatta Parking: No parking signs at Regatta mailboxes. The Ohio Basic Code states that "No Parking" requires a sign. Greg will ask the Solicitor if "No Parking" painted on the curb is considered a "sign".

Line Painting: A&A Safety is painting lines at the highway intersections to include turn lanes. Greg has called them about 2 critical areas they missed.

Mary Allen, Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee: Nothing to report.

Department Heads:

Fire/EMS Chief: Vince Bee Chief Bee thanked the council for the support they have given the department.

Mayor : Renew Katie Singleton to reappoint term ending 9/23/2018 to the board of tax appeals.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-18 EMS appropriation changes and Waste Water Fund.

Motion was made to by Mr. Vanderbosch and seconded by Ms. Allen to suspend the three reading rule for **Ordinance 2015-18**.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Motion was made by Mr. Vanderbosch and seconded by Mrs. Davidson to adopt **Ordinance 2015-18 and declare an emergency**.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

SECOND 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Hilt and seconded by Mr. Feldkamp to suspend the three reading rules for **Resolution 2015-15**.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Motion was made by Mr. Hilt and seconded by Mr. Feldkamp to approve **Resolution 2015-15 and declaring an Emergency**.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 2015-16 Rescinding Resolution 2015-13 awarding the contract for asphalt repairs and paving to Koehler and Day Blacktopping Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanderbosch and seconded by Ms. Allen to suspend the three reading rules for **Resolution 2015-16**.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

Motion was made by Mr. Vanderbosch and seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt **Resolution 2015-16 and declare an emergency.**

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: yes

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2015-20 No parking signs on Cobra Rd.

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch - Nothing to report.

Allen - Ms. Allen inquired about the public meeting held by the CDBG Entitlement program. Greg is attending the meeting.

Davidson - Nothing to report

Skeene - Nothing to report.

Feldkamp - Mr. Feldkamp requested that the weeds at the end of Susanna Way be cut down. The Water Dept. said they would mow it if it was cleaned up once. He also would like to see the Clasgens property cleaned up. Clasgens have been sent a letter. Violators of the weed ordinance receive one letter if they don't comply within the time frame set forth by the letter the village will take action at the villages expense. The property taxes are assessed.

Hilt- Nothing to report.

Motion was made by Mr. Vanderbosch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Feldkamp.

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