

**October 13, 2015**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 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:

Bill Marsh- Country Place  
Pam Rada- Washington Street  
Patrick Blair- Lights Pointe  
Denver Perkins- Felicity Ohio  
Clark Lawrence- Front Street  
Bobby Lees- Front Street Café  
Joe Vogel- Little Indian  
Judy Vogel- Little Indian

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 22nd were presented for approval. Feldkamp 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

**Denver Perkins:** Mr. Perkins expressed concern over the number of break-ins/burglaries the Village has had. Mr. Perkins had a meeting with Chief Harvey .Mr. Perkins feels there was no follow up on the evidence he presented Chief Harvey with. Chief Harvey confirmed there have been approximately 300 break-ins/burglaries since the beginning of the year. Mr. Perkins feels the investigation of his case was insufficient. Mr. Perkins would like suspects to be questioned. Chief Harvey stated "Council meeting is not the time or place to discuss the matter". Mayor Carr will call Mr. Perkins tomorrow (10/14/2015) to schedule a meeting with Chief Harvey, Mr. Perkins and herself.

**Joe Vogel:** Mr. Vogel presented a rough draft of the plan for his Marina. The draft will be handed over to the Personnel and Finance Committee. Mr. Vogel also handed out a copy of social media in which Mr. Vanderbosch expressed an opinion about Mr. Vogel's lease agreement using the word "We".

**Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:**

**CDBG Grants 2016:** Mr. Roberts handed out a flyer with basic information about the grant. A public meeting was held on October 5th reviewing application guidelines for

the 2016 CDBG funds administered through the county. We can submit up to two separate applications due by January 6th 2016.

We have numerous projects in mind. Ms. Allen requested that Greg compile a list of potential projects.

**Zoning Officer:** The position was posted and a recommended candidate has been selected.

Mr. Vanderbosch expressed concern about the recommendation not going through the Personnel and Finance Committee first. The position has been posted for 2 ½ weeks with only one applicant responding. Thursday is Jim Taylors last day. The recommended candidate is currently working part-time as Amelia's Zoning Officer. We will be coordinating a schedule with Amelia. The candidate will be on probation for 6 months.

Motion was made by Richard Feldkamp to hire Dannelle Spiegel as Zoning Officer at the rate of pay of \$13.00 an hour, seconded by Amanda Davidson.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

**Sewer Plant OEPA Issues:** An audit was conducted of the sewer plant on September 24th by a representative of Ohio EPA. We received a notice of Violation on October 6th citing several issues with the plant. Most significant is our reported ammonia and fecal coliform limits excess of OEPA effluent limits for two of the last six months. We are now back in compliance after repairs to the ultra-violet treatment system. We owe OEPA a written response as to our plans to address the issues no later than December 11, 2015.

We did know of the maintenance issues and we needed to purchase equipment. The budget would not allow us to do so due to the flooding event. We are required to submit a report every month.

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

**Richard Feldkamp, Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:** Nothing to report.

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

**Mary Allen, Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee:** Nothing to report

**Department Heads:**

**Police Chief, Randy Harvey:**

**Clerk of Courts:** Position was posted and a recommended candidate has been selected. There was one qualified applicant out of the four who applied. Lisa Knepp is no longer able to cover Mayors Court. The clerk from Milford came to help during last month's Mayors Court. Chief Harvey recommended going forward with the hiring of the new clerk as soon as possible. Mr. Vanderbosch expressed concern about not going through the Personnel and Finance Committee first.

Motion was made by Gary Skeene to hire Janet Reynolds as Clerk of Courts part-time at \$12.00 an hour 3 days a week, seconded by Allen.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mrs. Davidson: yes

Mr. Feldkamp: yes

Ms. Allen: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Vanderbosch: no

**Resignation:** Chief Harvey asked Council to accept the resignation of Mathew Smith in good standing.

Motion was made by Gary Skeene to accept the resignation of Mathew Smith in good standing seconded by Feldkamp.

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

**Resignation:** Chief Harvey asked Council to accept the resignation of Donnie Haun in good standing.

Motion was made by Gary Skeene to accept the resignation of Donnie Haun in good standing, seconded by Feldkamp.

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

Chief Harvey stated that the use of the cross trained officer worked well. Chief Harvey has compiled a written test. He will be administering this test to three of our officers and one other officer this Thursday.

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Vanderbosch** - Mr. Vanderbosch handed out a copy of the Clermont County Community Plan

**Allen** - Ms. Allen requested that Greg explain about the guests that are coming to the Village this weekend. Thirty historians, authors, and individuals including representatives from the National Park Service Network to Freedom Program will be visiting the Village this weekend as part of a tour of Underground Railroad sites. The tour will start at Cranston Church where the group will board buses and continue around town touring our Underground Railroad sites. The tour will cross the river at Augusta then continue on to Maysville then on to Ripley. The goal of being included on this tour is to eventually have the region designated a National Heritage Site.

**Davidson** - Nothing to report.

**Skeene** - Nothing to report.

**Feldkamp** - Nothing to report.

**Hilt**-Nothing to report.

**Third Reading of Ordinance 2015-20** - An Ordinance banning parking on Cobra Road and instituting a fine of \$200.00 per day for violators.

Police will be responsible for enforcing this ordinance.

Concern was expressed about the verbiage of Ordinance 2015-20.

Motion was made by Mr. Feldkamp and seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt **Ordinance 2015-20.**

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

**First Reading of Ordinance 2015-21**-An Ordinance prohibiting parking in front of community mailboxes in Regatta subdivision and instituting a fine of no more than \$500.00 for violators.

Concern was expressed about the verbiage of Ordinance 2015-21. The thought was that it should include all subdivision community mailboxes. Greg stated that the problem

with the parking in Regatta is due to the mailboxes being located on the side of the street where parking is allowed, not all subdivisions are setup this way.

**Mayor Carr:** Mayor Carr questioned Mr. Vanderbosch about his use of the word "We" in the social media presented by Mr. Vogel. She asked if he was speaking for himself or the Council as a whole. He responded that it was a "regal we". Mayor Carr informed him that she had spoken with the solicitor and that he may need to recuse himself from voting on the matter.

Motion was made by Richard Feldkamp 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 7:50 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council