

May 24, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, May 24th 2016 at 7:00 pm. Present: Richard Feldkamp, Gary Skeene, Mary Allen, and Paul Vanderbosch - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Greg Roberts, Village Administrator, and Kelly Painter, Clerk. Vince Bee, Fire/EMS Chief

Also attending:

David Vornholt- Susanna Way
Megan Alley- Clermont Sun
Nathan Alley- Lights Pointe
Mike Findlan- NR Planning Commission
Tim Feldkamp- NR Fire Dept.
Marie Macfarland- Plenty Street
Bill Marsh- Country Place

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk acknowledged Council members Feldkamp, Skeene, Allen, and Vanderbosch as present.

Minutes of May 10th meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Skeene motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Feldkamp.

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

Visitors:

David Vornholt: The Business Association met with Lynn Baird. They will give a report at their next meeting Monday June 6th.

Landlords have brought the recent Zoning letter to the attention of the Business Association and they will discuss it at the June 6th meeting.

Marie Macfarland: Mrs. Macfarland came to Council with several concerns about Greenmound Cemetery. Mrs. Macfarland requested nightly patrols by the police. Mrs. Macfarland also wanted to thank the New Richmond Police Dept. for the recent arrest of a known drug dealer.

Administrative Reports:

Greg Roberts, Village Administrator:

Greenmound Cemetery: Mr. Roberts addressed Mrs. Macfarland's concerns about Greenmound Cemetery, (Grave decorations, trash, etc.) Mr. Roberts invited Council and citizens to visit our cemeteries to admire the good job Mr. Terry (our contractor) has done caring for our cemeteries.

Sewer Expansion: On Thursday May 19 approximately 30 residents (mostly from the Robin Hill/Gray's Lane neighborhood) attended the first meeting to address questions concerning the sewer expansion. Steve Canter from Environmental Engineering gave a presentation outlining the benefits of tapping in during the project versus deferring. The reaction to the opportunity was very positive with most residents thus far indicating their intention to tap in. Mr. Roberts distributed a copy of the presentation to each Council member.

Rental Registration: As a result of several citizen inquiries and new case law subsequent to the October 2014 passage of Zoning Code Article 29, the solicitor concurs with a decision to put the inspection component of the article on hold. We are working with the solicitor to review existing zoning code inspection authorizations and protocol to ensure compliance with state code and the new case law. The registration of rental properties is proceeding well. Mr. Feldkamp added that the inspections should be handled during fire inspections. They will discuss it during the next Safety Rules and Laws meeting.

Housing Starts: New homes on Susanna Way and Paddlewheel Ct. Are near completion. Foundation work is well under way for another new home on Front Street next to the old Ice House.

Miller Circus: The Miller Circus went very well. It exceeded expected attendance. There were approximately 600 attendees per show.

Chief Vince Bee; Fire/EMS Chief

Five year Need/Expenditure Report: Chief Bee presented the expected 5 year need/expenditure report. He would like to see a new structure for the Firehouse/Ems. Mr. Feldkamp suggested the old A.P. Motors building as an option. He stated that it would need a new heating system as well as other modifications that would need to be made. Mr. Feldkamp feels that the building would serve the purpose for the Fire/EMS and Police Dept. Chief Bee suggested the lot next to the park on Caroline Street. Mr. Feldkamp stated that we need to investigate possible deed restrictions. Mr. Roberts stated that several properties owned by the village have deed restrictions.

Fire Code/Inspections: The Fire Dept. has the right of entry to any structure within a reasonable time for general inspections. If a concern arises or is reported then they have an immediate right of entry. If general public safety is a concern then the Fire Dept. has the right of entry.

Kelly Painter; Clerk of Council:

Twenty-Eighth Annual Recognition Hosted by the Adult Opportunity Center

Southern State Community College: Council and the Mayor received an invitation to the 28th Annual Recognition at Southern State Community College.

Legislation:

Second Reading

ORDINANCE 2016-09: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2016 APPROPRIATIONS

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Vanderbosch- Nothing to report.

Allen- Ms. Allen requested volunteers for Economic Development

Davidson-absent

Skeene- Nothing to report.

Feldkamp- Mr. Feldkamp stated that he felt the Boat Harbor's paint job looked better.

Mayor Carr stated that she has received some safety concerns.
Mr. Vornholt stated that the noise level on Saturday night is better.
Hilt- absent

Nathan Alley: Mr. Alley is the Sierra Club Ohio Chapter Transportation Coordinator as well as a concerned citizen. Mr. Alley came to Council to express his concerns about the proposed Cincy Eastern Bypass. He presented a letter from the Sierra Club which stated that the Sierra Club urges council to adopt a resolution declaring the Village of New Richmond's opposition to the proposed " Cincy Eastern Bypass" (the "Bypass"), a conceptual four-lane, 70 mph interstate highway that would bisect Clermont County and require the construction of two new bridges over the little Miami River and over the Ohio River at New Richmond. Mr. Alley and the Sierra Club stated that the bypass is a private plan with little to no public support. He also reported that the director of the Ohio Department of Transportation and the secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet describe the Bypass as "an idea promoted by land developers for the sake of land development" and say that the Bypass "is not a new, feasible or good idea." Mr. Allen opposes the project both personally and professionally. Proponents of the Bypass tout that it would carry "tens of thousands of 18 wheeler trucks" daily through New Richmond and the rural heart of Clermont County , and it would expose " thousands and thousands of acres" to development.
Mr. Feldkamp stated that the Kentucky Governor supports the project. Mr. Feldkamp feels that project would benefit our community.

Paul Vanderbosch motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Richard Feldkamp.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Mayor

Clerk of Council