

August 23, 2011

**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 7pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Gary Skeene, Richard Mathews, Nicholas Wolf and Vinnie Cochran - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Donna Hammons, Clerk and David Kennedy, Administrator.

Also attending:

Bob Beiser – 2740 St. Rt. 132

Judy Bandy – 208 Front Street

Paul Vonderbosch – 208 River Valley Boulevard

Bill Marsh – 2423 Country Place

Chester Coldiron – 1221 Bethel New Richmond Road

David Judd – 1330 Frank Willis Road

Brenda Judd – 1330 Frank Willis Road

Bill Judd – 1330 Frank Willis Road, Troop Leader NR #155

Ernie Smith – 2378 St. Rt. 132

Noel Thacker – 302 Mill Street

Patrick Blair – 101 Light's Point

Charles Scott – 622 Willow Street

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Connors is absent because of work.

Mayor Carr sadly reported the death of Fire/EMS member Gary Bender from a massive heart attack on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at age 57. He is survived by his wife (former Fire/EMS deputy chief) Teresa and sons Keith and Brent. He had been an employee for 17 years.

Carr recognized David Judd who did a complete makeover of Haussermann Park as a project for his Eagle Scout badge. He received a plaque and ovation from those present.

Minutes of August 9<sup>th</sup> were presented for approval. Skeene noted that on page 58 (payment of the bills) it should be noted that he abstained from #33595 – employer. Wolf motioned to approve as corrected. Seconded by Cochran.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Connors: absent

Mr. Cochran: yes

**David Kennedy, Village Administrator:**

During our recent community assistance visit (CAV) from the Ohio Division of Floodplain they requested that section 7 of our floodplain regulations be slightly modified. This is a simple modification removing specific reference to 505'. Skeene motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Hilt.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: absent
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Skeene motioned to adopt **ORDINANCE 2011-15 AMENDING SECTION 7 OF THE NEW RICHMOND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS**. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: absent
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

The 2011 appropriations need amended. Hilt motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: absent
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Hilt motioned to adopt **ORDINANCE 2011-14 AMENDING THE 2011 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**. Seconded by Cochran.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: absent
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Kennedy would like to place the following wording on the utility box in the front of Village Hall:

BOX IS EMPTIED PROMPTLY AT 8AM  
DAILY PAYMENTS PLACED IN  
THE NIGHT DROP AFTER 8AM  
WILL NOT BE PROCESSED  
UNTIL THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY

Skeene motioned to approve effective immediately. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: absent
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Wolf suggested that perhaps we use 30 days allow those who use the box to get used to the new regulation.

Chief Baird would like to place a non-operable generator on the village's auction site for public sale with a minimum bid of \$500. Mathews motioned to approve. Seconded by Cochran.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: absent
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Finance/Personnel Committee:

Employee Evaluations; Salary Schedules for job classifications – Hilt said the committee will address these issues.

Safety/Laws/Rules Committee:

Mathews said that parking problems during ‘high water’ with campers/RVs has been resolved and the issue with dogs running loose in the village has been tabled.

Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee:

Old water plant building. Cochran said that at the present time there is no money to remove the building.

Economic Development Committee:

Wolf said that the boat harbor lease seems to be in compliance.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-13 AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY – OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OR SELF-EMPLOYMENT**

**CALL OF MEMBERS:**

**Cochran** – The Events Committee has been approached by the organizers of “Strut Your Mutt” to request street closings for September 25<sup>th</sup>. The event organization is a non-profit. They came here to New Richmond after the 1997 flood to help with animals that were displaced. They do this all over the country. The local group operates in 36 Ohio counties. Mathews wanted to know why this event would have street closings and not some other events. Cochran replied this group has complied with every aspect of our Event Ordinance with insurance, security, cleanup, etc. This is at the end of the season. One event and not several. Vendors and very family friendly. Expecting 250+ people. The organization has spoken with every business on Front Street and has had only one complaint. Cochran motioned to approve closing of Front Street from 8am to 8pm on September 25<sup>th</sup> from Quarry Street to Union Street, Susanna Way from Union Street to Western Avenue. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: absent
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Cochran said that on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, he along with members Mathews and Wolf met with Tom Yeager, Clermont County Utilities Director. Yeager said the county is not interested in our water plant, however they are interested in the sewer plant. The county

is interested in running a line from Bethel to New Richmond. That would provide sewer to the eastern part of the county. This was a general conversation only. Just discussing various things that would be of benefit to both New Richmond and the county. Ernie Smith, audience, asked who would be paying for this line? Cochran replied the county would be paying for this and that village sewer rates would not increase. Cochran also said septic systems are failing all over the county and this would be a huge benefit to a lot of people. Hilt mentioned is costs \$20,000 and up to replace septic systems. Cochran added there would be other meetings in the future.

**Wolf** – Suggested it might be a good idea for council to check if Amelia, Bethel, Moscow and New Richmond considered using the same solicitor. That way if the attorney presented a legal opinion to one entity it could be copied to everyone.

**Mathews** – Nothing to report.

**Skeene** – Read a letter from Steve Woolum from Cincinnati expressing their thanks for a wonderful experience at Riverdays.

**Hilt** – Asked if anyone has contacted Solicitor Korfhagen about the proposed changes to the personnel policy. Mathews said that there is going to be a meeting with Chief Baird and Chief Harvey for more input about equipment charges.

Carr reported that Jill Cochran was the recipient of the “Citizen of the Year Award” for 2011.

Cochran said that the teen center is almost ready to open.

Wolf motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Cochran.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: absent

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk of Council**